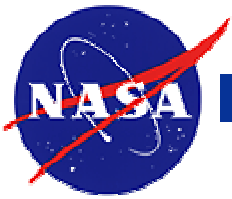


AHAS - Aviation Hazard Awareness System

Design and Flight Testing of a Prototype AWIN System for Transport Aircraft

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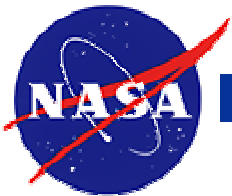


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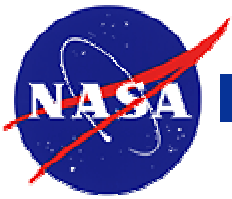
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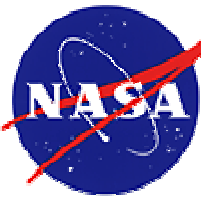
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WxAP/AWIN/AHAS Milestones

- Milestone 11: Initial AHAS Flight Evaluation
 - Completed on ARIES 2002 with AHAS
- Milestone 14: AHAS Flt Eval w/ Cockpit Display
 - Scheduled for 2003 Deployment

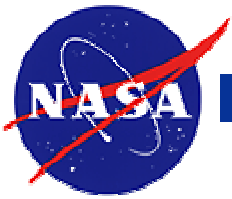


Aviation Hazard Awareness System (AHAS) Background

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- EWxR and AWARE Cooperative Research Agreements (CRAs)
 - Negotiated between NASA and Rockwell Science Center (now Rockwell Scientific) and involving Rockwell Collins
 - AWARE: Aviation Weather Analysis and Reporting Enhancements
 - Originally intended as a General Aviation (GA) pre-flight briefing tool
 - EWxR: Enhanced Weather Radar
 - Combines airborne weather radar with datalinked information
 - Flight tested on Rockwell and NASA aircraft
 - Flown on NASA B-757 Airborne Integrated Research Experiment System (ARIES) in 2000 & 2002
- AHAS is a NASA-sponsored program conducted jointly by Rockwell Scientific, Rockwell Collins, and NASA
 - Combines EWxR and AWARE CRA technologies into an in-flight weather analysis tool



Current AHAS Rockwell Principals

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- **Rockwell Scientific**

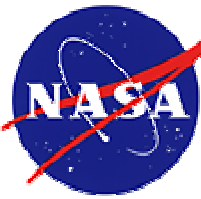
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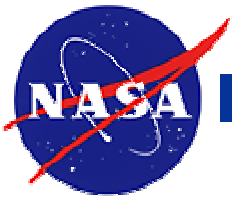


Aviation Hazard Awareness System (AHAS) Background

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- **AHAS is an enhanced weather analysis tool, integrating text-based and graphical weather data for superior situational awareness in the context of a specific mission and equipment profile**
- **Initial flight evaluation on NASA B-757 Airborne Integrated Research Experiment System (AIRES) in FY-2002**
 - First-generation prototype AWIN system
 - Evaluation by researchers - no cockpit display
- **AHAS Tactical Mode: Enhanced Airborne Weather Radar**
 - Derived from EWxR CRA technologies
 - Real-time EWxR displays
 - Pilot can select combinations of WxR, NEXRAD, Attribute Data
 - Radar data collection for additional post-flight processing
- **AHAS Strategic Mode: Moving Map Display**
 - Derived from AWARE CRA technologies
 - Real-time hazard analysis on datalinked weather information
 - Strategic display of flight-path relevant weather hazards



Why decision aids?

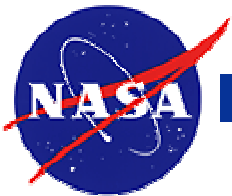
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Complexity of information: Pilots must first parse & translate WMO codes, then draw on training and experience to interpret.

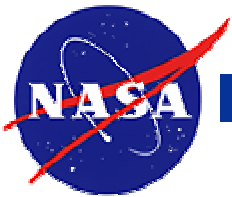
Volume of information: Pages of text are the norm for pre-flight briefing. Future proliferation of graphical weather products may increase difficulty of monitoring relevant weather.

Reduction in workload/training: Pilots receive training in meteorology; Decision aid can reduce reliance on training.



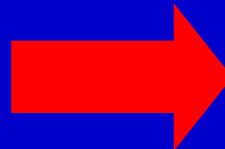
AHAS is designed to benefit pilots (or dispatchers) who, due to cognitive overload, may not absorb and retain all flight-critical weather information from the vast (cryptic) stream of data they are legally required to review...

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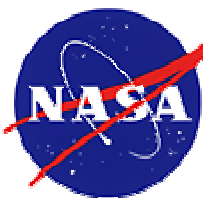


WHAT YOU GET NOW... WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW ...

- TAFs
- METARs
- FAs
- AIRMETs
- SIGMETs
- NOTAMs
- PIREPs
- Winds Aloft
- NEXRAD images
- on-board WXR
- ...



Can I safely complete my mission without encountering weather hazards?



AHAS/AWARE Decision Analysis

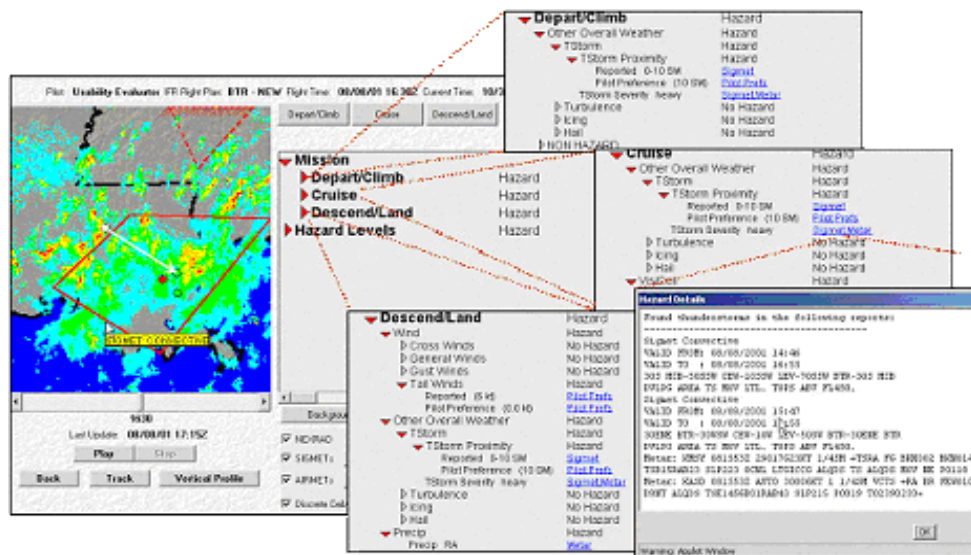
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- One aspect of information filtering.
- Applies user/equipment constraints.
- User still has access to raw data.



Filtered to:

Number of reports:

Actual Alerts

5

Location of flight

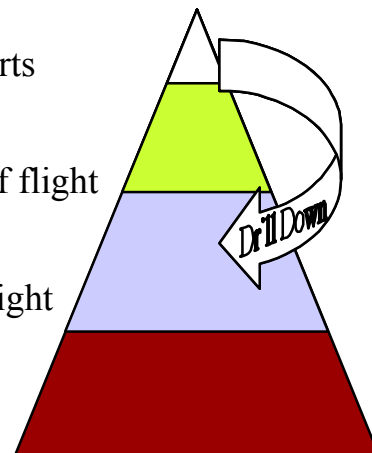
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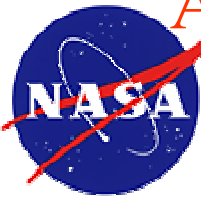
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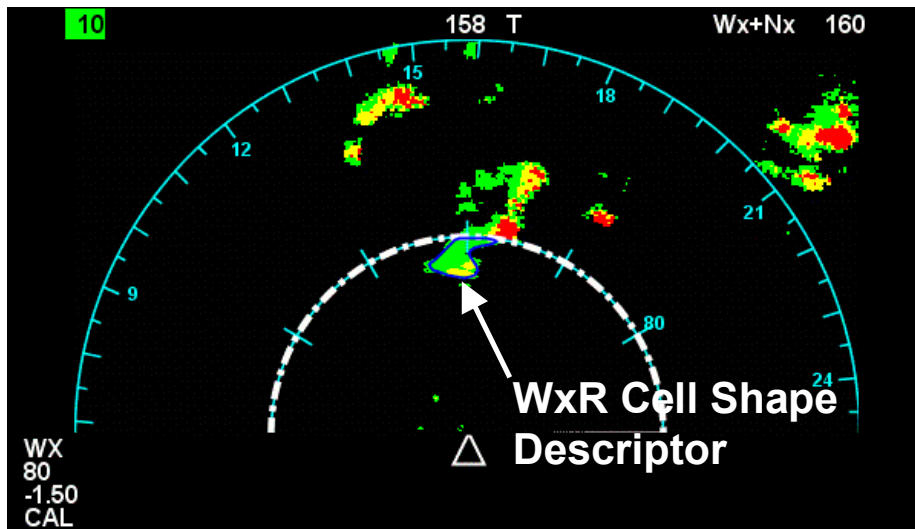




AHAS Tactical WxR/NEXRAD Data Correlation

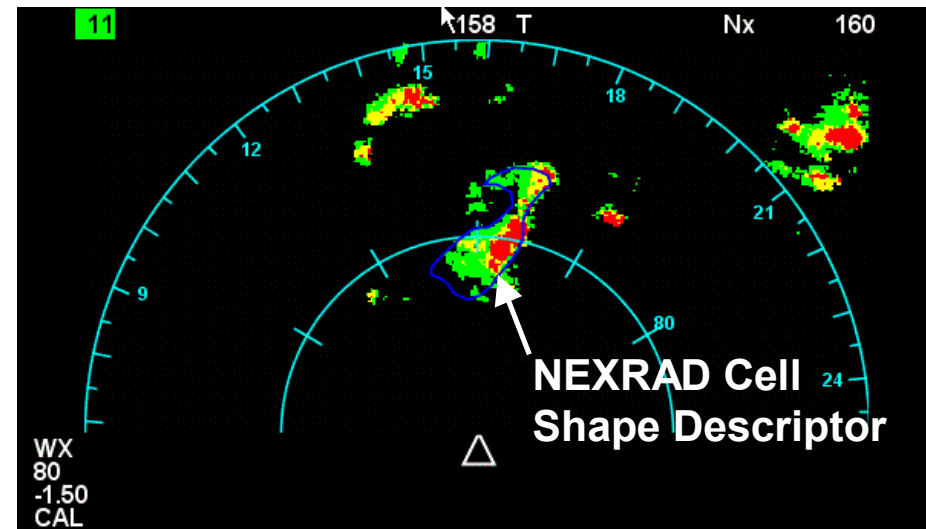


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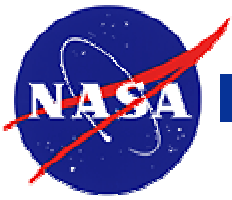
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Tornadic: NO

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Data**



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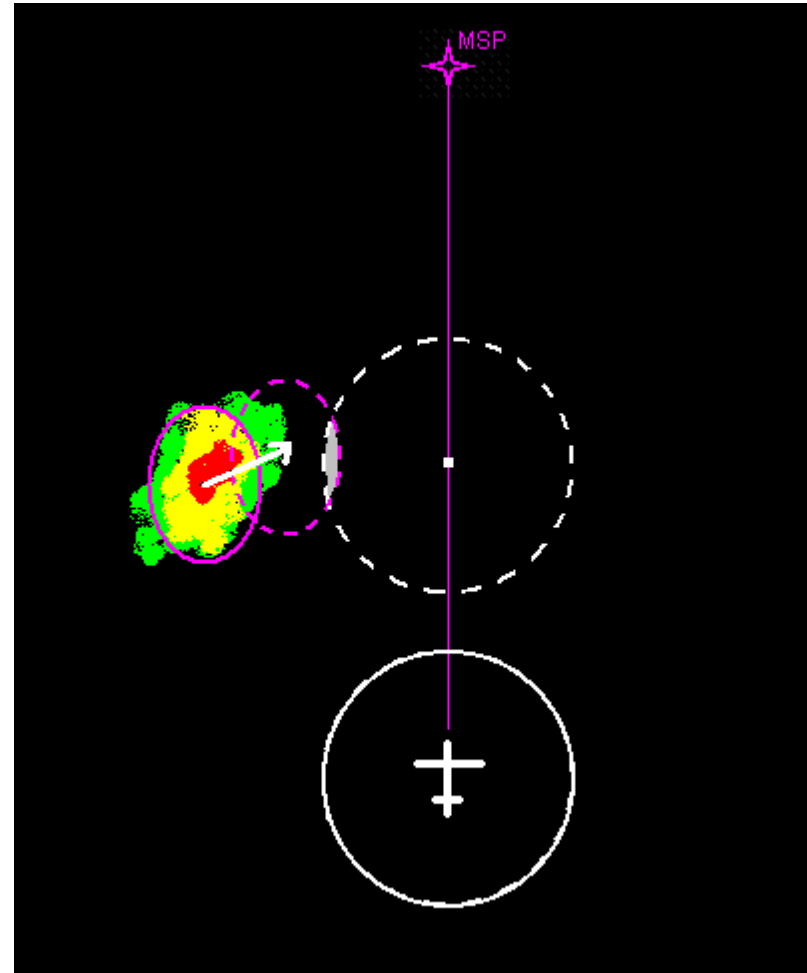


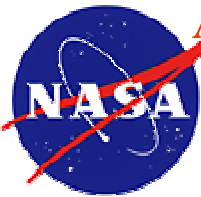
AHAS/EWxR Decision Aids

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- Hazard Avoidance and Flight Path Impact Prediction algorithm automatically determines hazardous regions along flight plan.
- Operates in real time with dynamic data.





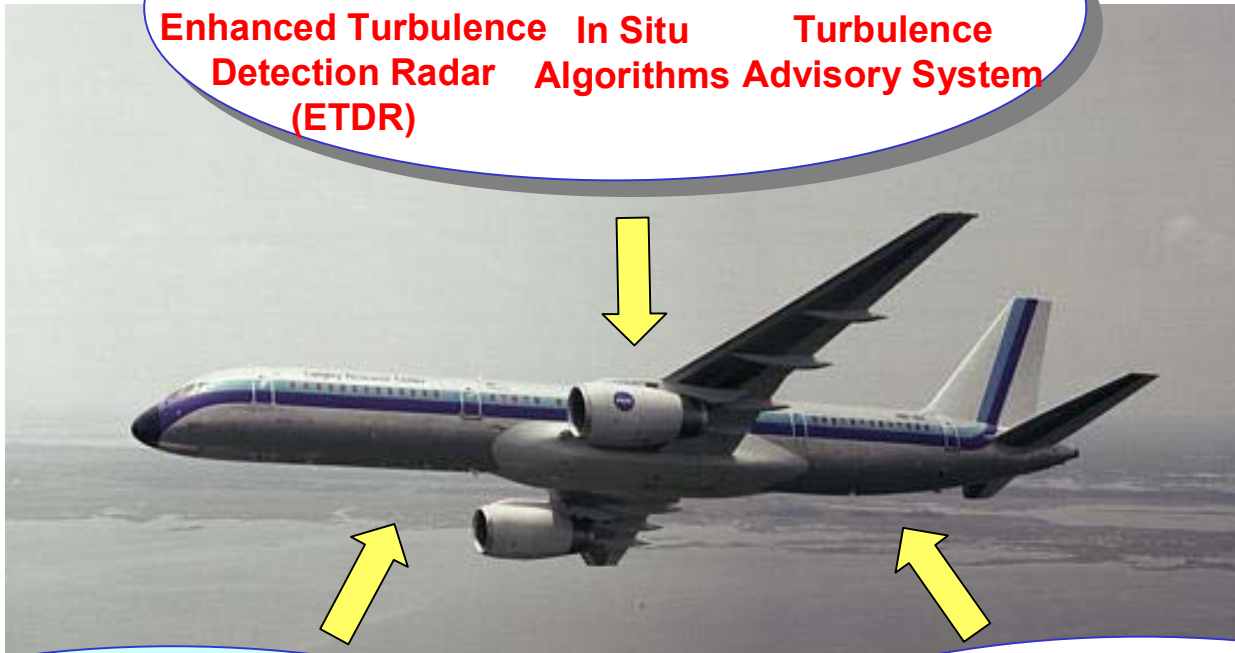
AHAS/EWxR on FY-02 WxAP Integrated Flight Experiments



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Turbulence Prediction & Warning Systems (TPAWS)

Enhanced Turbulence In Situ Turbulence
Detection Radar Algorithms Advisory System
(ETDR)

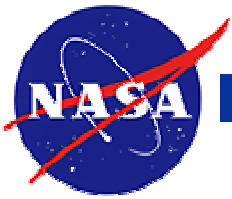


Aviation Weather Information (AWIN)

Aviation Hazard Awareness System (AHAS) Enhanced Weather Radar (EWxR)

Weather Information Communications (WINCOMM)

Satellite Communication (SATCOMM) Datalink

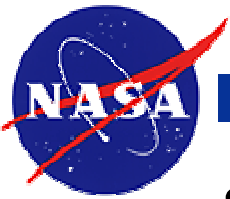


Aviation Hazard Awareness System (AHAS)

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- FY-02 AHAS/EWxR Flight Test Objectives
 - Operational evaluation of the Aviation Hazard Awareness System and Enhanced Weather Radar system
 - Collect data to further develop AHAS concepts
 - Verify NEXRAD attribute data and other datalinked weather products
- SATCOM datalink provided by NASA Glenn WINCOMM program

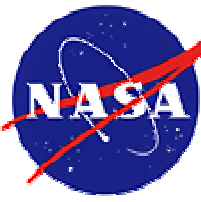


AHAS/EWxR FY-02 Accomplishments

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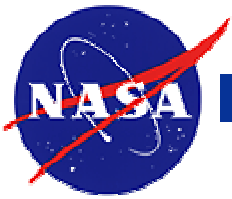
- Installed AHAS on NASA B-757 ARIES
- Conducted flight experiments to collect weather, aircraft, and radar data and assess overall system performance using research displays in the aft cabin of the B-757
- AHAS and EWxR operated on 15 flights in 2002 and extensive data was collected
- Verified data-linked storm-top information, turbulence indications, and SIGMET hazard areas using airborne weather radar, in situ information, visual, and meteorological observations



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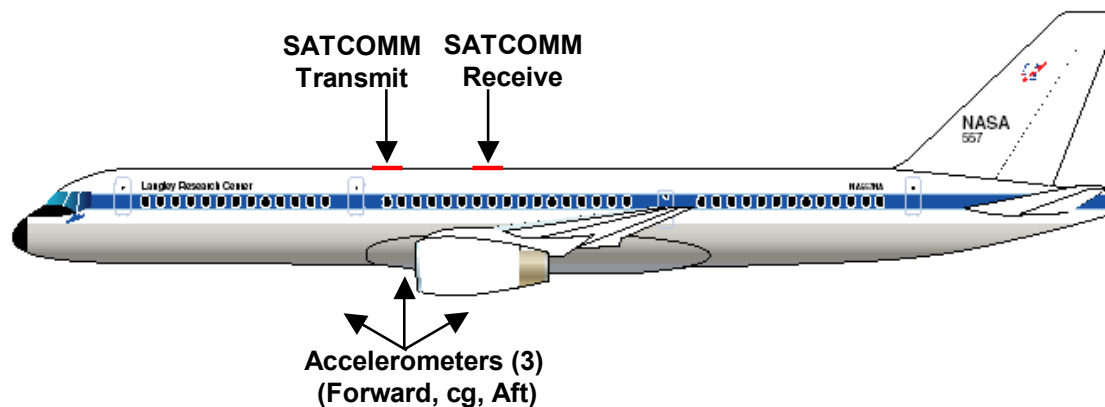
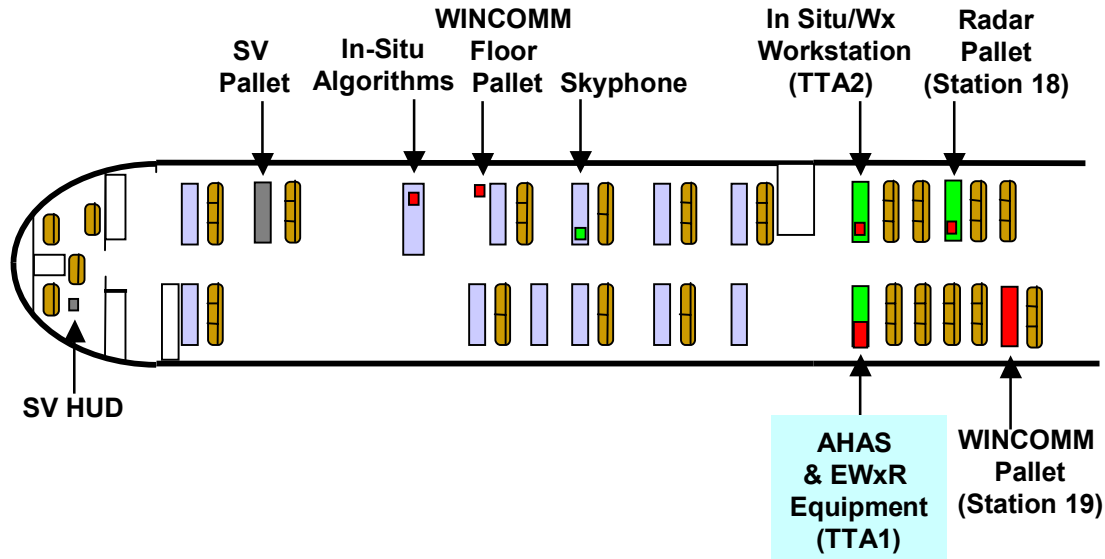


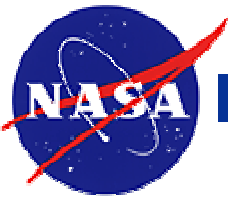
- Preliminary evaluation supports the utility of the AHAS system in increasing strategic and tactical situational awareness of weather hazards via successful demonstration of:
 - Correlation/Data fusion of airborne and ground-based weather information.
 - Automated Hazard Assessment and Flight Path Impact Decision Aids.



AHAS/EWxR B-757 ARIES Installation

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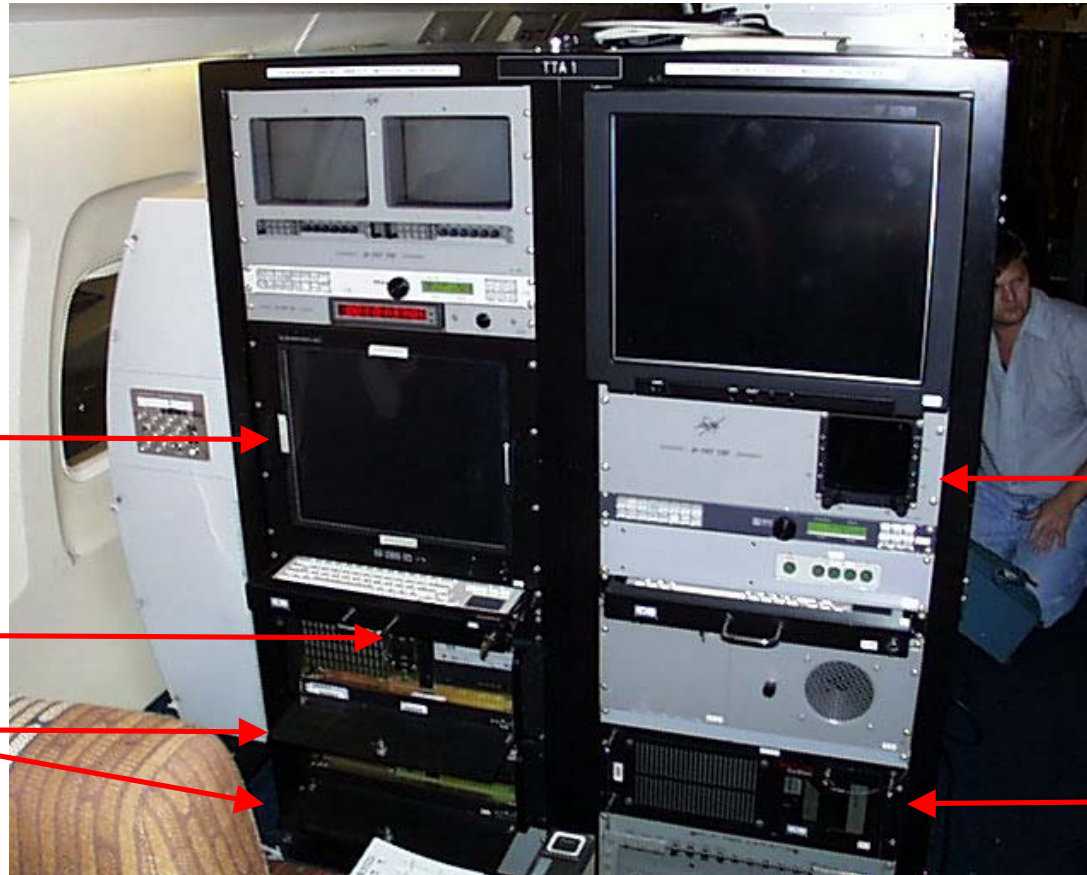


AHAS/EWxR ARIES Installation

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AWIN Modifications at TTA1 Pallet



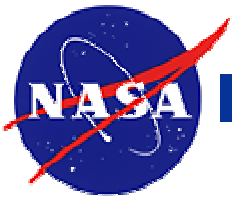
Flat Panel
Display

Trackball

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Computers

EWxR MFD
radar indicator

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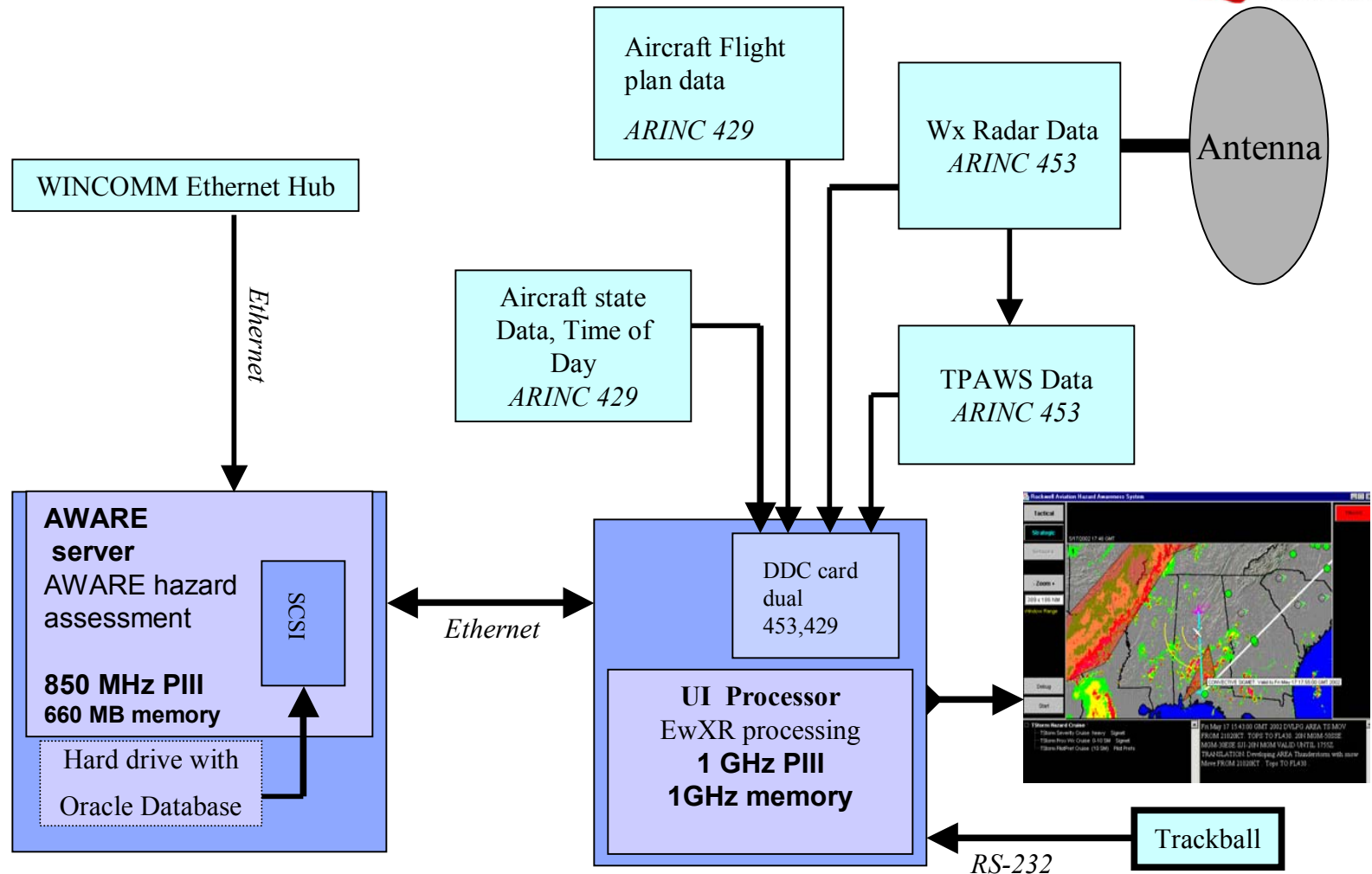
AHAS FY-02 System Block Diagram

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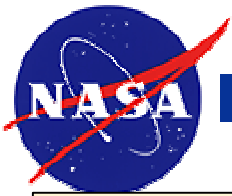


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Notional view of AHAS

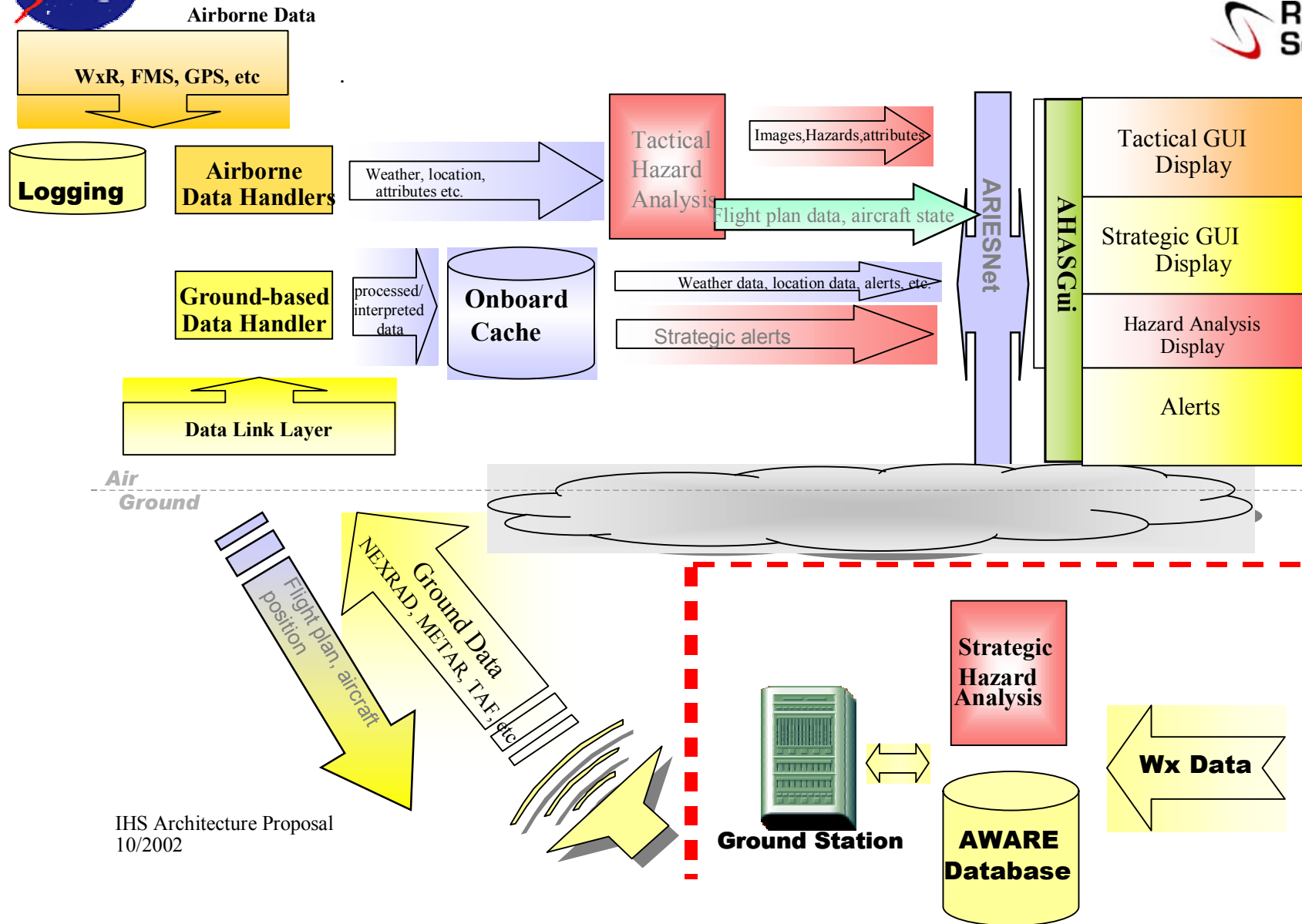


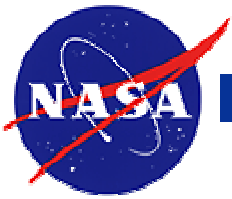
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AHAS – Strategic Display

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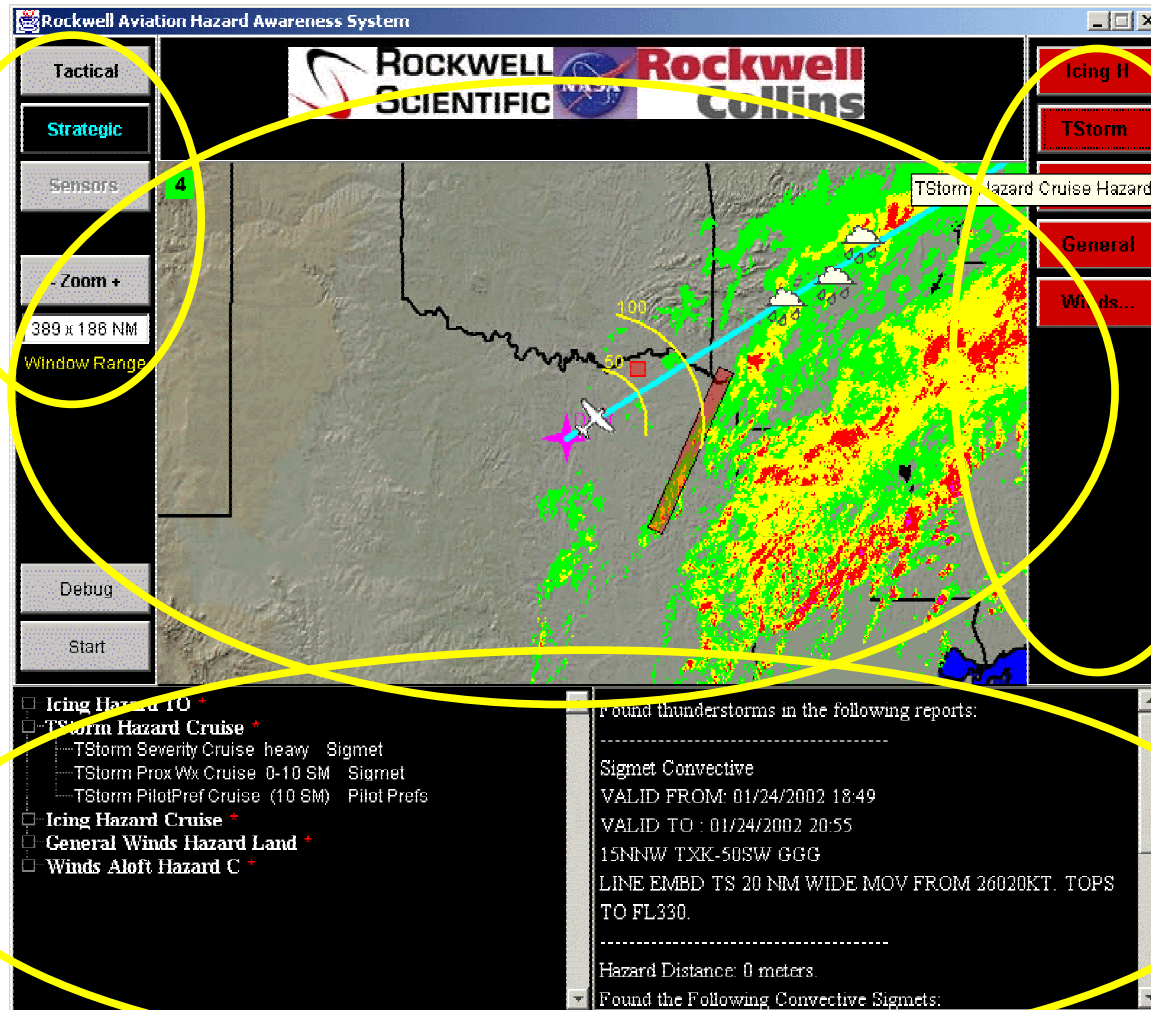


Primary Display: Strategic mode similar to AWARE

Mode
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or
Tactical

Alerts

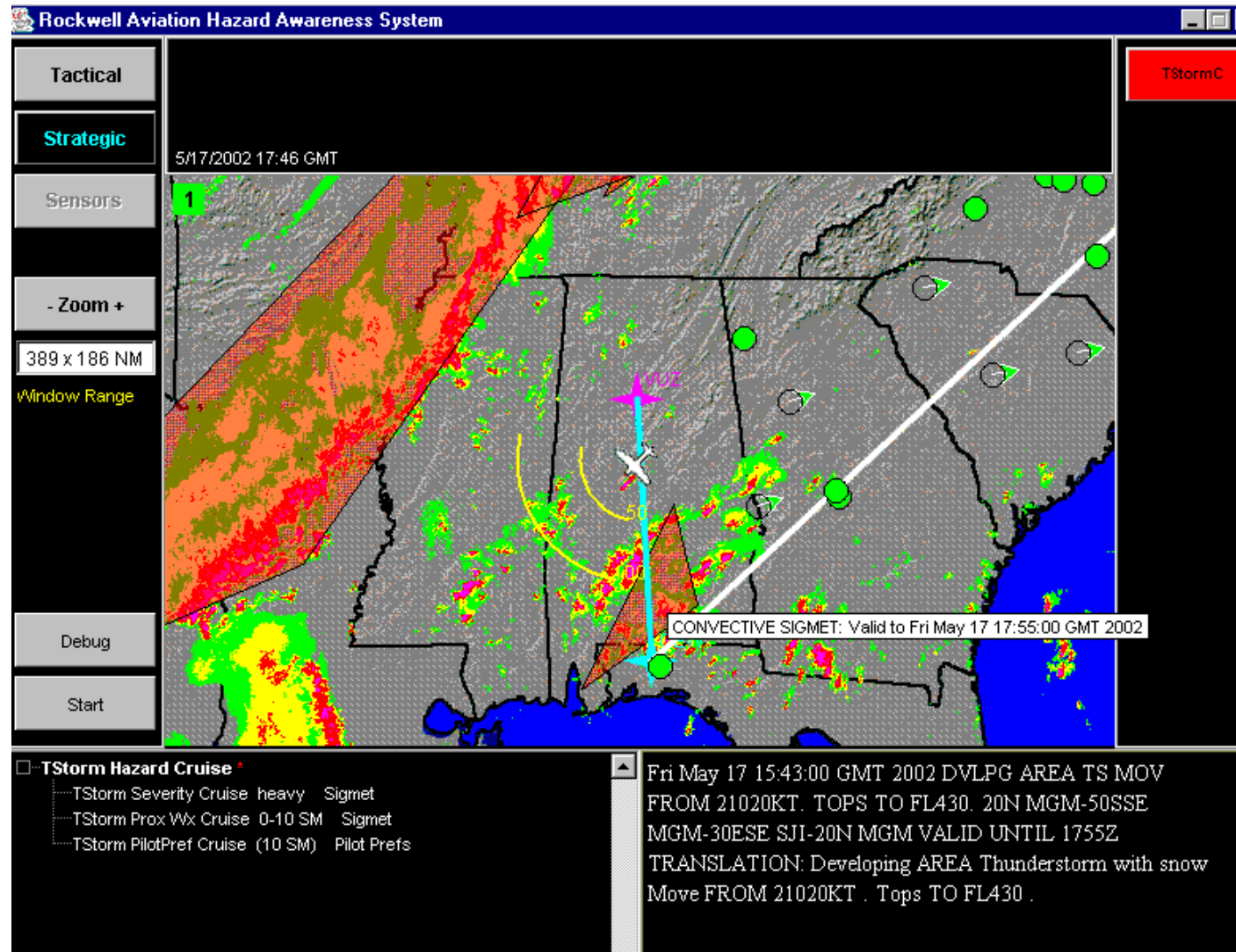
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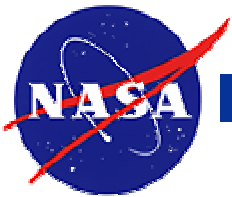




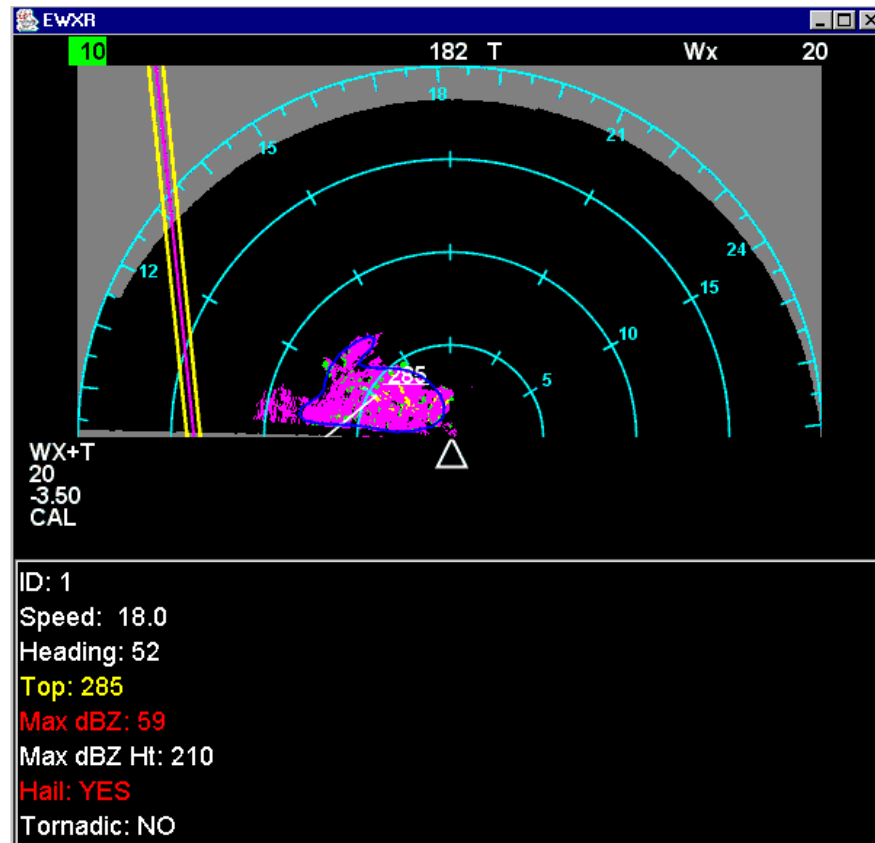
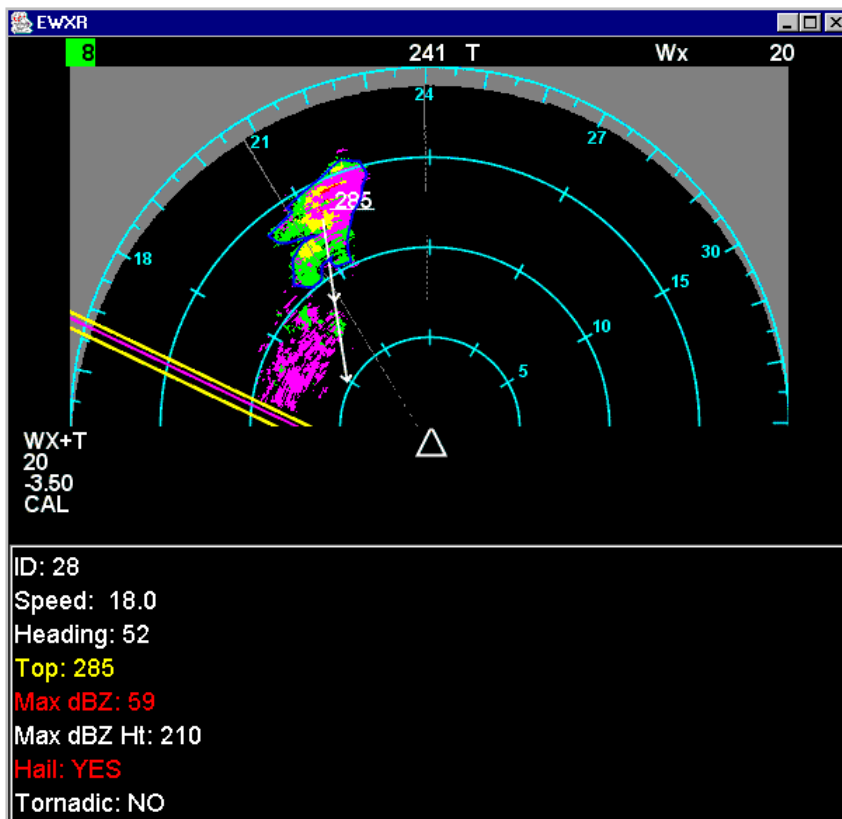
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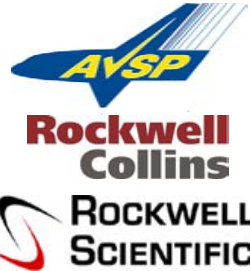


Confirmation of flight plan impact prediction: A two-g turbulence encounter



NASA ARIES AHAS/EWxR Flight Tests

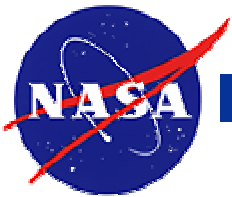
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Flight Path Impact Prediction

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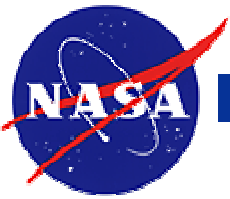


AHAS Summary

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- AHAS Benefits
 - AHAS is an enhanced weather analysis and display tool, integrating text-based and graphical weather data (both data-linked and sensor-based) in the context of a specific mission and equipment profile
 - AHAS uses decision analytic tools to assess and automatically alert pilot to relevant weather hazards
 - Displays of datalinked weather information in both strategic (map) and tactical (track-up, combined with airborne weather radar) were developed and shown to work in real-time

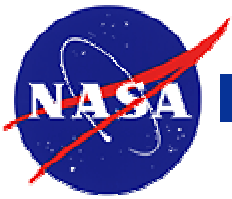


FY-03 Flight Experiment Plans

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- AHAS is being further developed under a task with Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) with Rockwell Scientific and Rockwell Collins as subcontractors
- Software and hardware upgrades are underway
 - Cockpit Display
 - Computer Upgrades
 - Extend Client/Server Architecture
- FY-03 AHAS Flight Experiment Objectives
 - Assessment of AHAS weather information with real weather
 - Incorporate new National Convective Weather Forecast (NCWF) and Diagnostic (NCWD) products
 - Evaluate NEXRAD versus NCWD/F attribute data
 - Piloted assessment of AHAS decision aids
 - Usability feedback on AHAS display formats

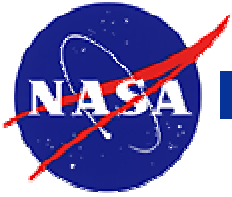


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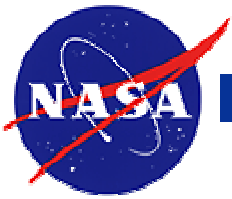
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- **AHAS is a prototype AWIN system**
 - Builds on technologies developed under AWARE and EWxR Cooperative Research Agreements
 - Supports AWIN research on cockpit use of graphical weather products and decision aiding by intelligent analysis of weather information
 - Flight tests on NASA B-757 ARIES in FY-02 support utility and continued development
 - Piloted evaluations on ARIES planned for FY-03
 - Applications to future AWIN simulation and flight experiments for ground and airborne users in both Transport and GA are being considered



Appendices: AWARE and EWxR CRAs



Aviation Weather Awareness and Reporting Enhancements:

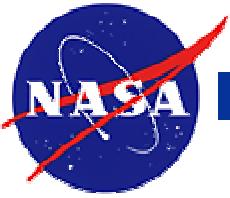
AWARE et al - context sensitive display of hazards

Decision Analysis & Usability Studies

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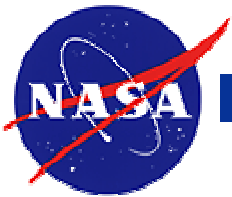


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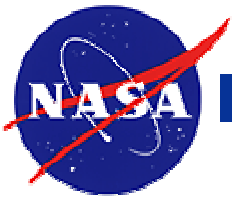
- Relationship of three AWARE-based projects
- Screen shots of AWARE in operation
- Discussion of Decision Analysis
- Screen shots of AHAS, AWARE-Dispatcher, including impact on Decision Analysis
- Usability studies: formal and walkthroughs



AWARE, AHAS, AWARE Dispatcher

- AWARE: General Aviation, web-based Pre-Flight briefing
- AHAS: Augmented and modified for in-cockpit (real-time)
- AWARE Dispatcher: dispatcher support (parallel flights)

All featuring context-sensitive
automated hazard alerting
based on
decision analysis techniques
(Bayesian Network model)



AWARE, AHAS, AWARE Dispatcher

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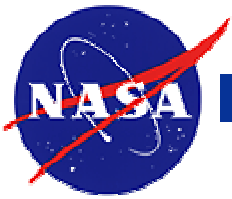
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**Intended Users:
High-End and Low-End
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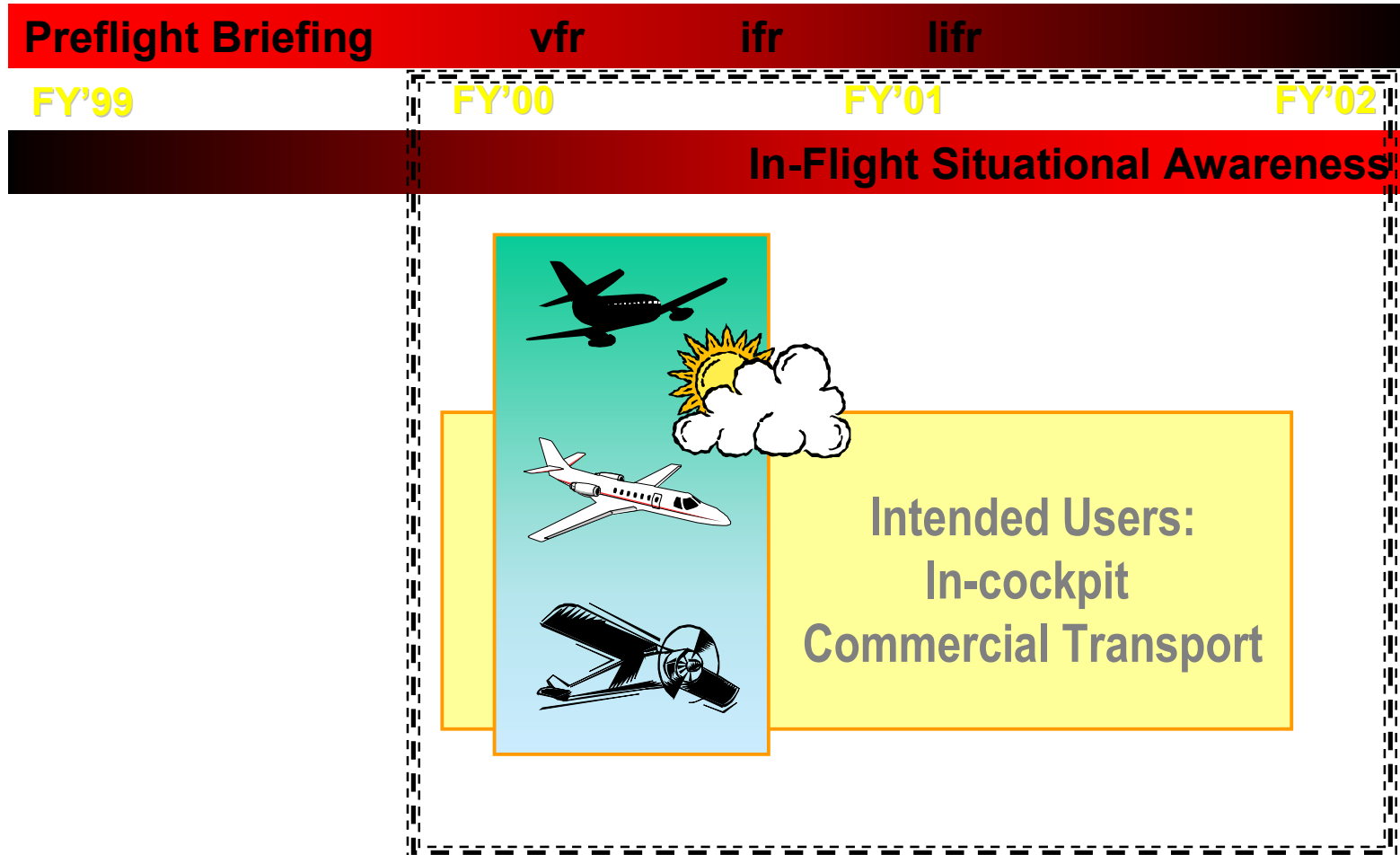
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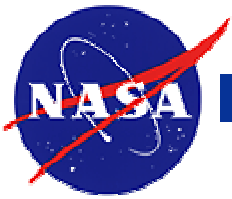
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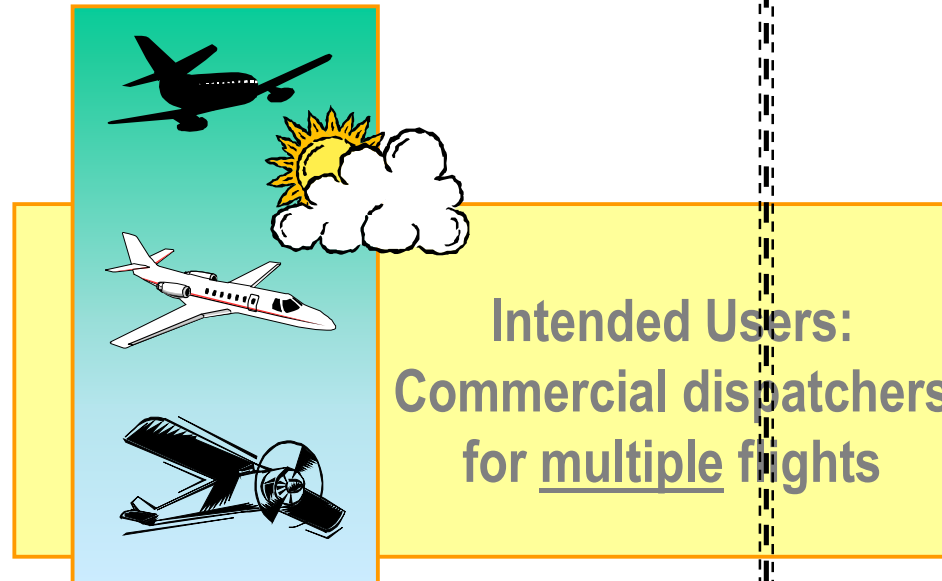
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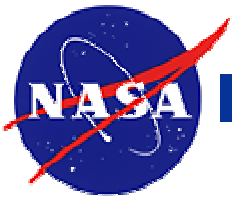
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In-Flight Situational Awareness



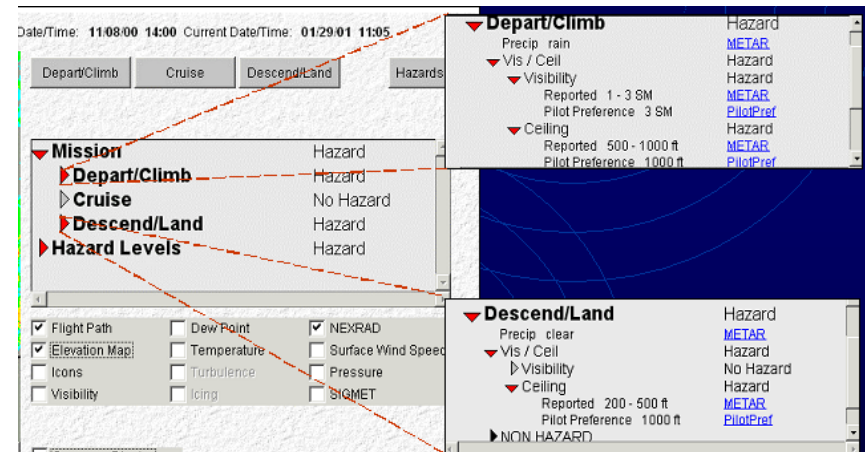


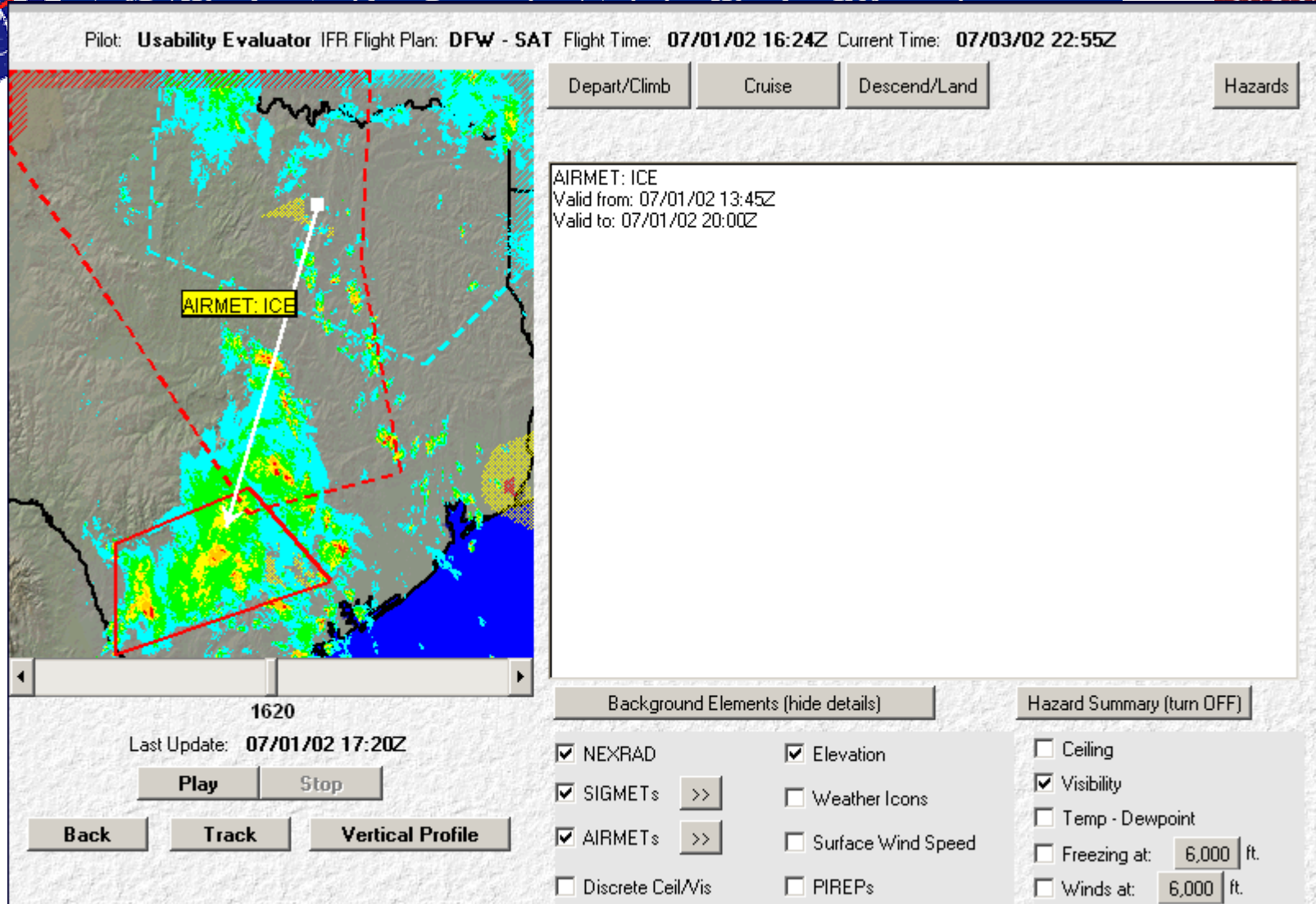
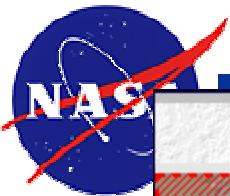
AWARE Decision Analysis Strength

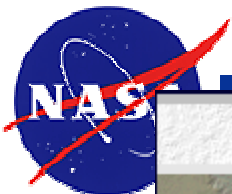
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- AWARE projects all have the advantage of an underlying decision analysis model to evaluate, under uncertainty, multiple sources of weather within the context of the specific mission.
- Using this underlying capability, AWARE can perform hazard analysis, determining whether context-sensitive hazards exist
 - Pilot/dispatcher preferences
 - Aircraft constraints
 - The specific flight plan.







Pilot: **Usability Evaluator** IFR Flight Plan: **DFW - SAT** Flight Time: **07/01/02 16:24Z** Current Time: **07/03/02 00:07Z**

Depart/Climb Cruise Descend/Land Hazards

Mission

- Depart/Climb**
 - Other Overall Weather Hazard
 - TStorm No Hazard
 - Turbulence No Hazard
 - Icing Potential Hazard
 - Icing Severity light [Airmet](#)
 - Hail No Hazard
 - NON HAZARD
- Cruise**
 - Other Overall Weather Hazard
 - TStorm Hazard
 - TStorm Severity heavy [Metar](#)
 - Proximity 0-10 SM [Metar](#)
 - Pilot Preference (10 SM) [Pilot Prefs](#)
 - Turbulence No Hazard
 - Icing Hazard
 - Icing Severity light [Airmet](#), [Pirep](#)

KSAT V: 4.0 (pref. 2.0) C: 700 (pref. 600)

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Last Update: **07/01/02 17:20Z**

Play Stop

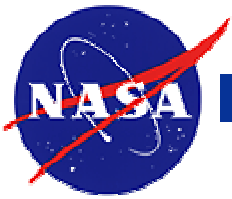
Back Track Vertical Profile

Background Elements (hide details)

- ☒ NEXRAD
- ☐ SIGMETs >>
- ☐ AIRMETs >>
- ☒ Discrete Ceil/Vis
- ☒ Elevation
- ☐ Weather Icons
- ☐ Surface Wind Speed
- ☐ PIREPs

Hazard Summary (turn OFF)

- ☐ Ceiling
- ☒ Visibility
- ☐ Temp - Dewpoint
- ☐ Freezing at: 6,000 ft.
- ☐ Winds at: 6,000 ft.

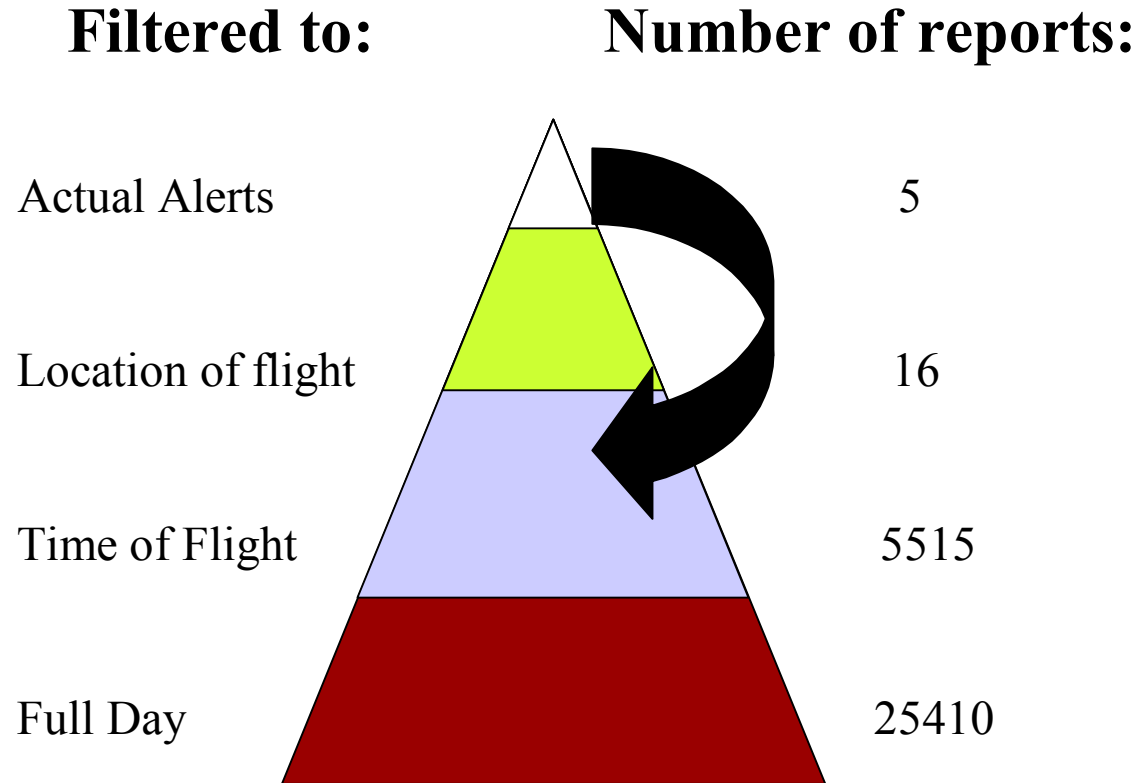


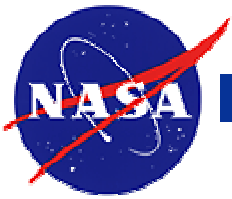
AWARE Decision Analysis

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- One aspect of information filtering
- Applies user/equipment constraints
 - Pilot/dispatcher preferences
 - Aircraft constraints
- User still has access to raw data, for completeness



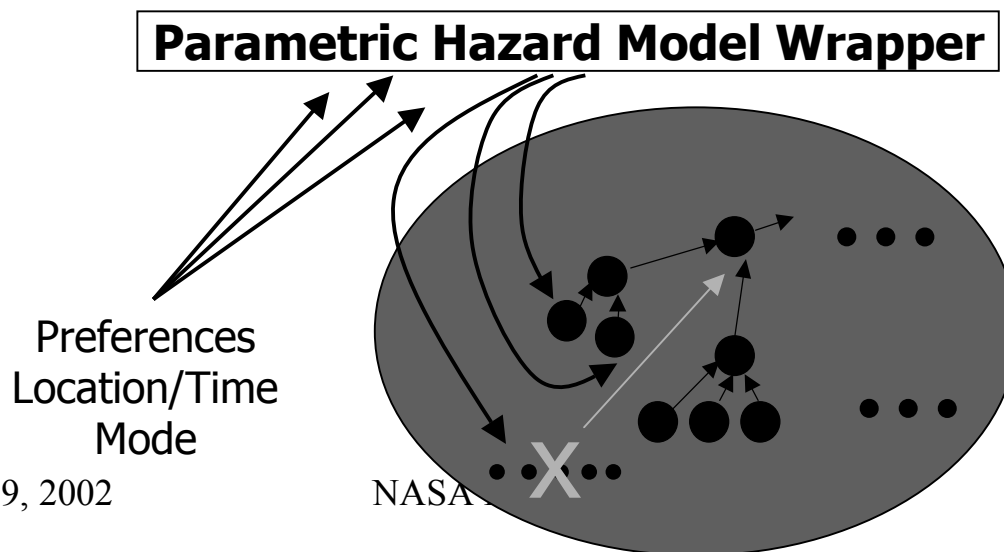


Decision Analysis Challenge

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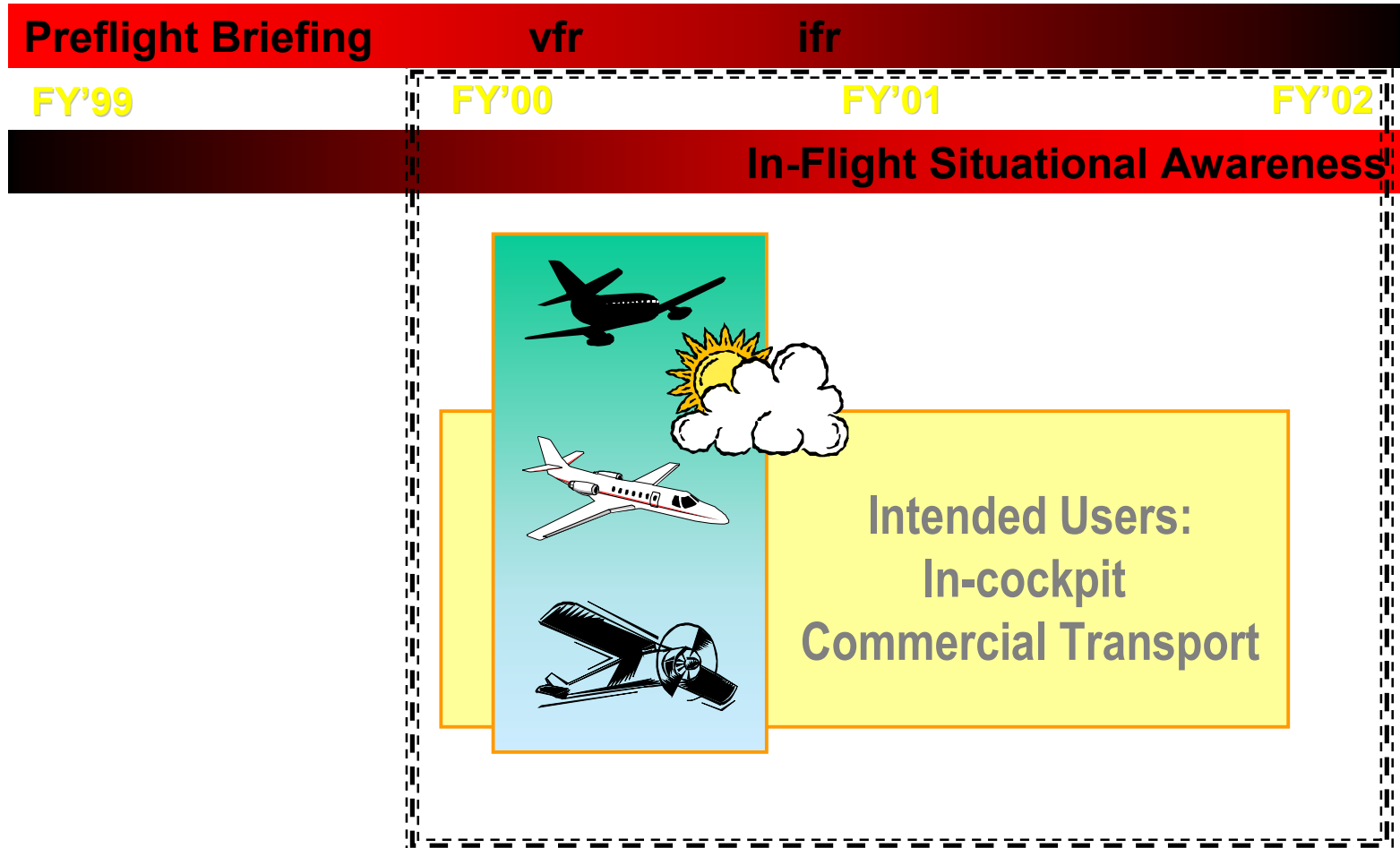
- Model is large, complex; must be reusable...
 - Must be able to represent GA (VFR, IFR), Commercial Pilots, Dispatchers
- Solution: Wrapper, mission parameter based
 - Commonality: flightpath, timeframes, personalization
 - Determines/applies mode, preferences, spatial-temporal context; relevance of submodels

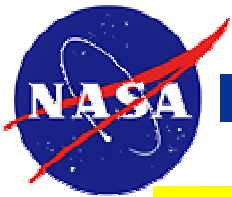




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AWARE, **AHAS**, AWARE-Dispatcher

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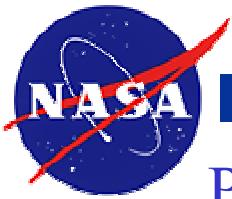
AWARE	Preflight Briefing	VFR	IFR	LIFR
	FY'99	FY'00	FY'01	FY'02
Tactical	On-board Radar/Storm Finding	Flight plan impact	+ Nexrad	

AHAS

Integrated in-flight decision aid

- **AHAS -**

- In-cockpit graphical data presentation for situational awareness
 - Hazard analysis top level presentation
 - Details available in drill-down mode
- Decision analysis based hazard alerts, strategic and tactical
“intelligent assessment of hazards”



AHAS – In Cockpit

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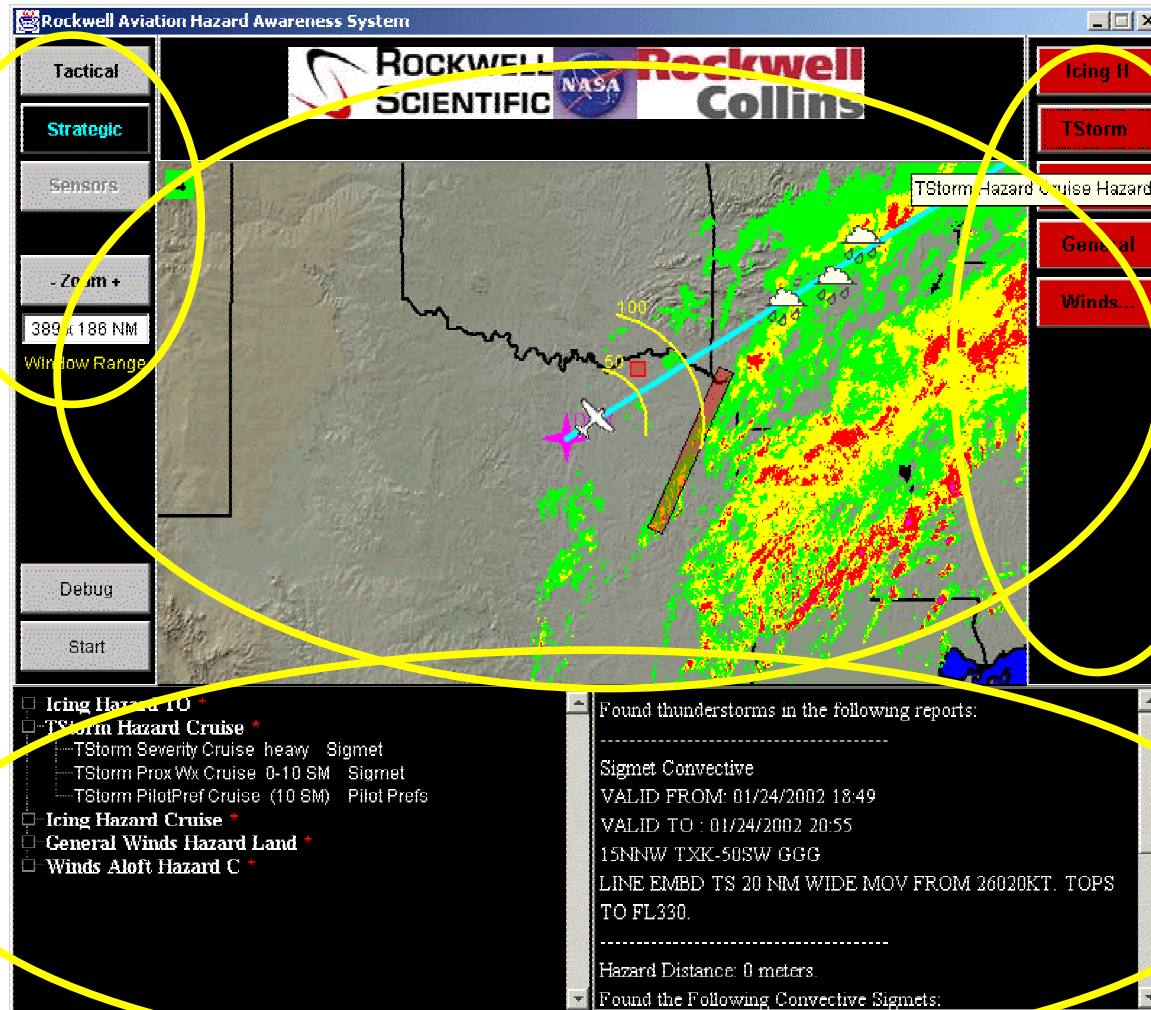


Primary Display – Strategic mode similar to AWARE

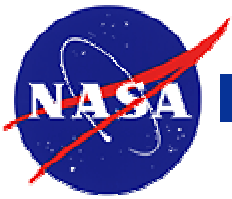
Mode
control:

Strategic
or
Tactical

Alerts



Secondary Displays: Decision Analysis & data source

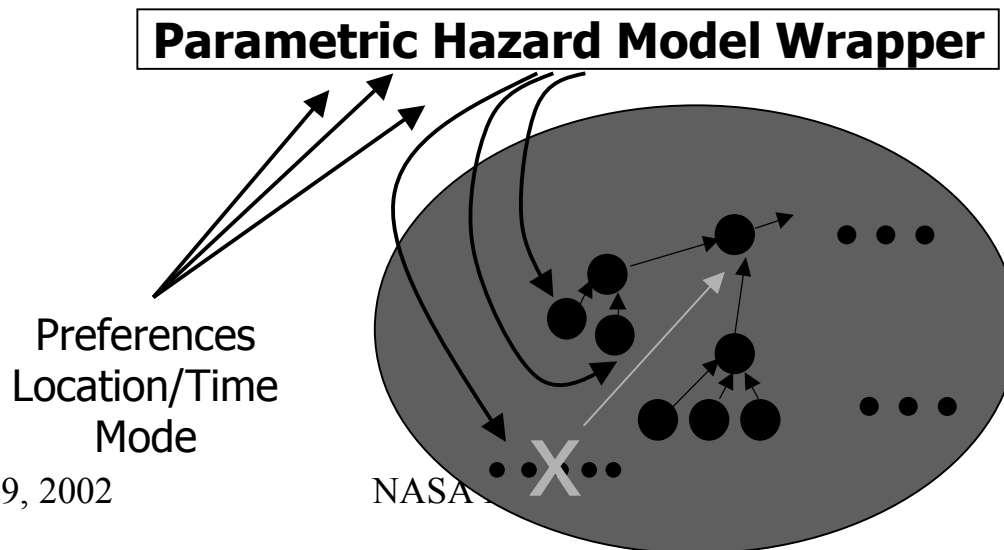


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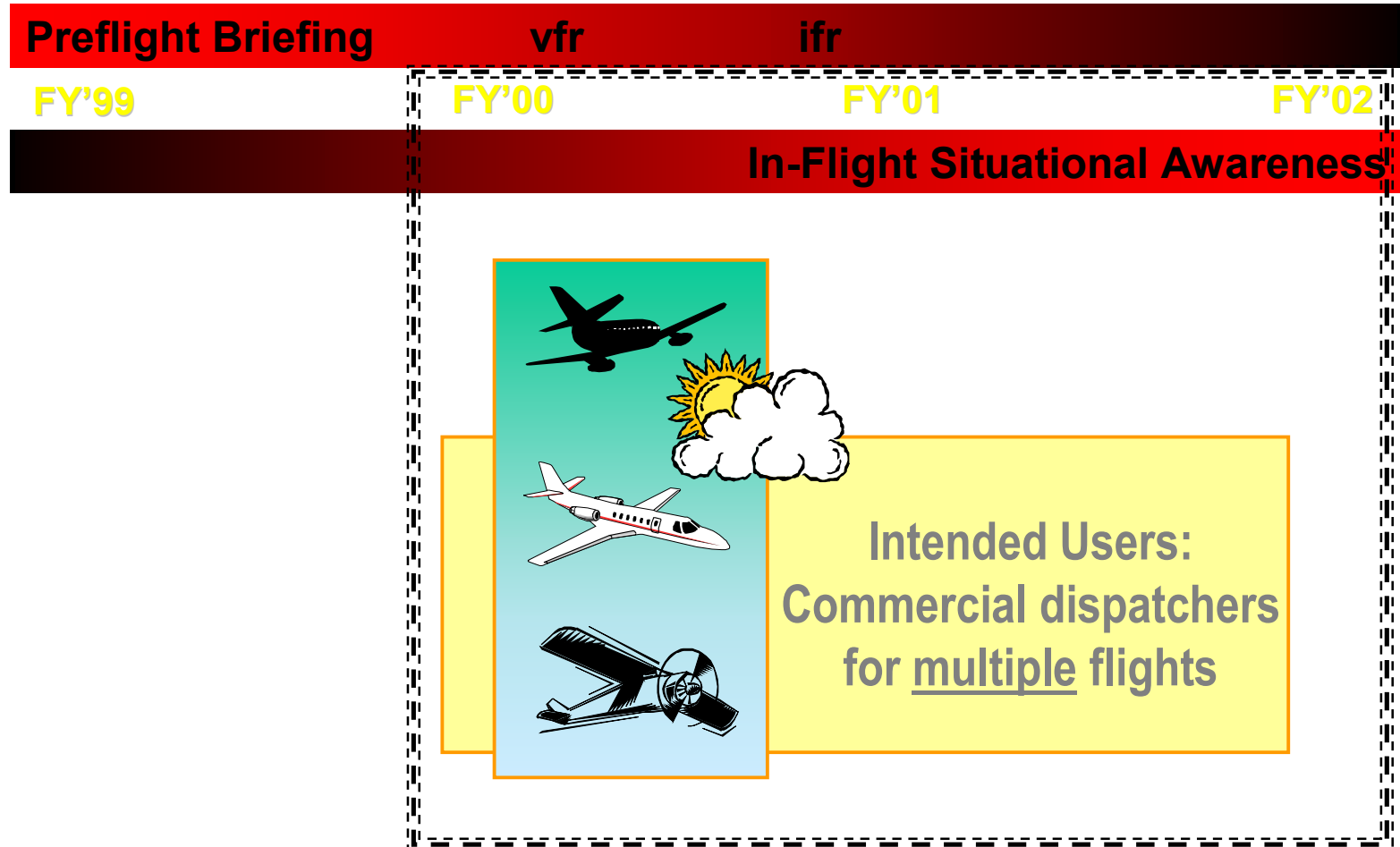
- Model is large, complex; must be reusable...
 - Must be able to represent GA (VFR, IFR), Commercial Pilots, Dispatchers
- Solution: Wrapper, mission parameter based
 - Augmented with WindsAloft
 - Removed visibility/ceiling hazards enroute (still visualized)
 - Utilize LIFR settings for preferences rather than VFR/IFR
 - Timeframe is present-data only

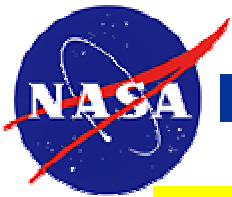




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AWARE

Preflight Briefing

FY'99

VFR

FY'00

IFR

FY'01

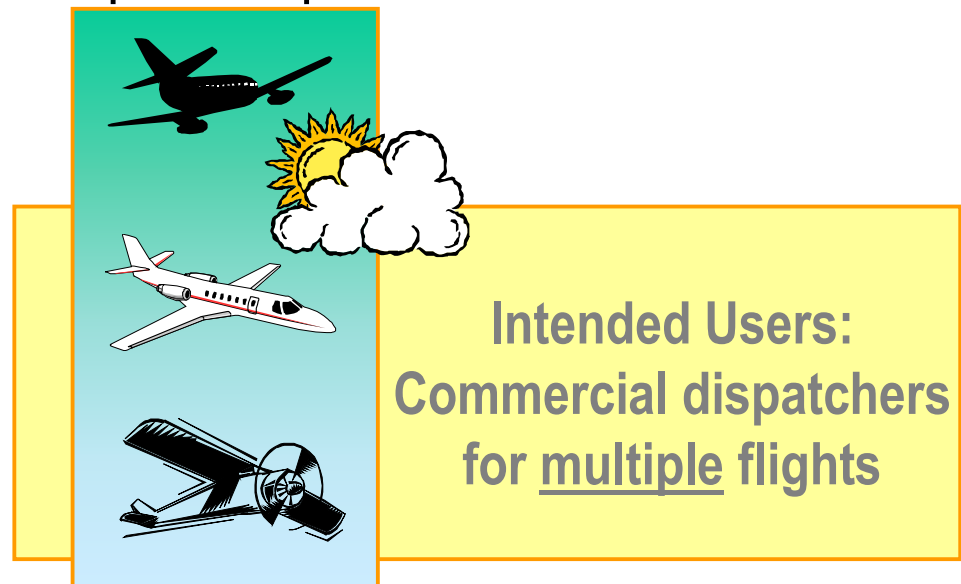
LIFR

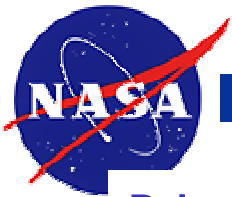
Dispatcher

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AWARE Dispatcher implements a parallel flight weather hazard alerting system

- Automatic notification of hazards for multiple flights
- Display and relevant alerts for parallel flights
- Generation of alerts specific to dispatcher preferences



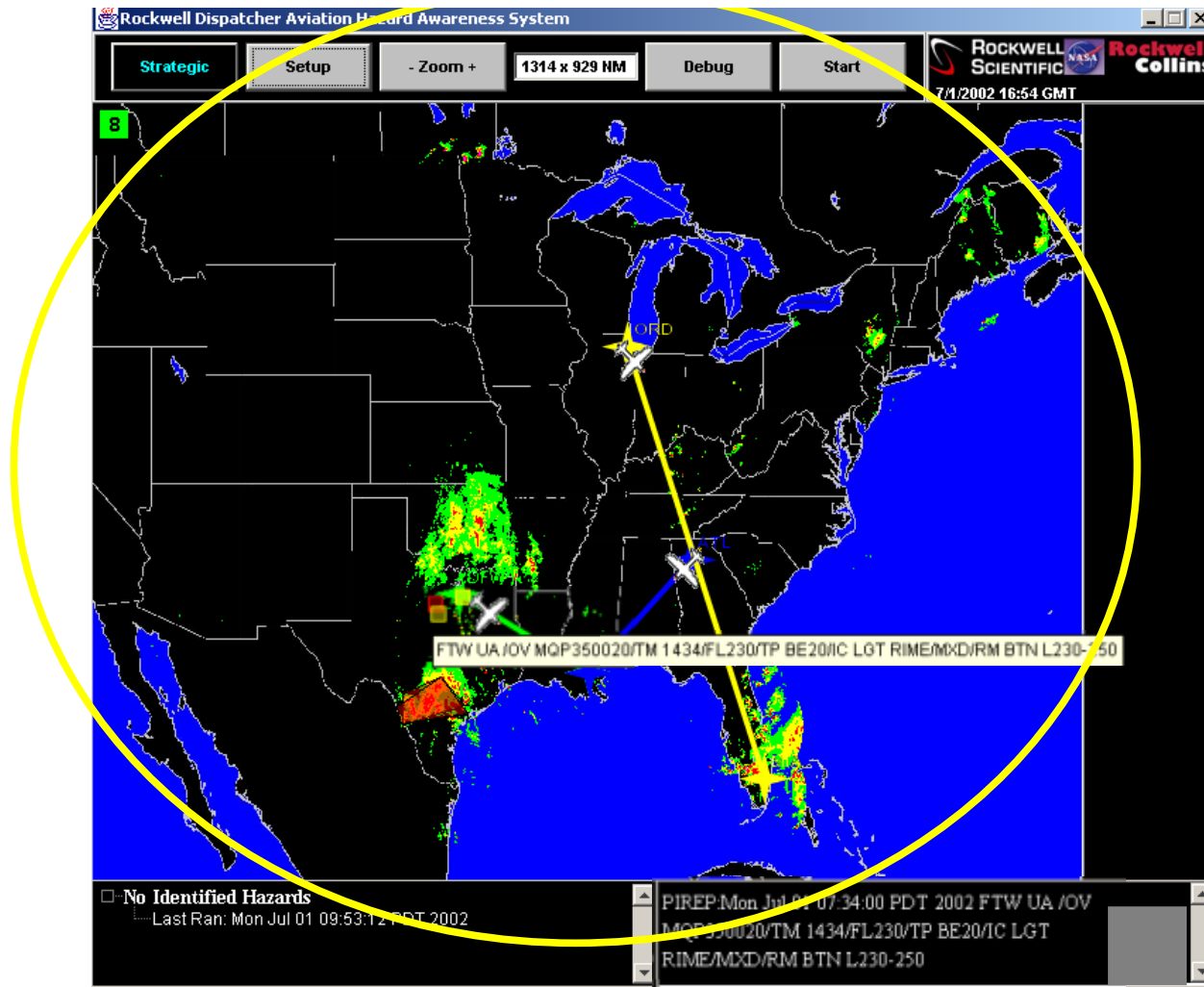


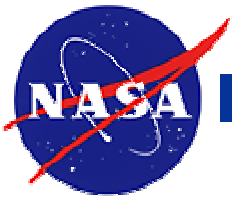
AWARE Dispatcher

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Primary Display – Strategic mode only, AWARE overlay options



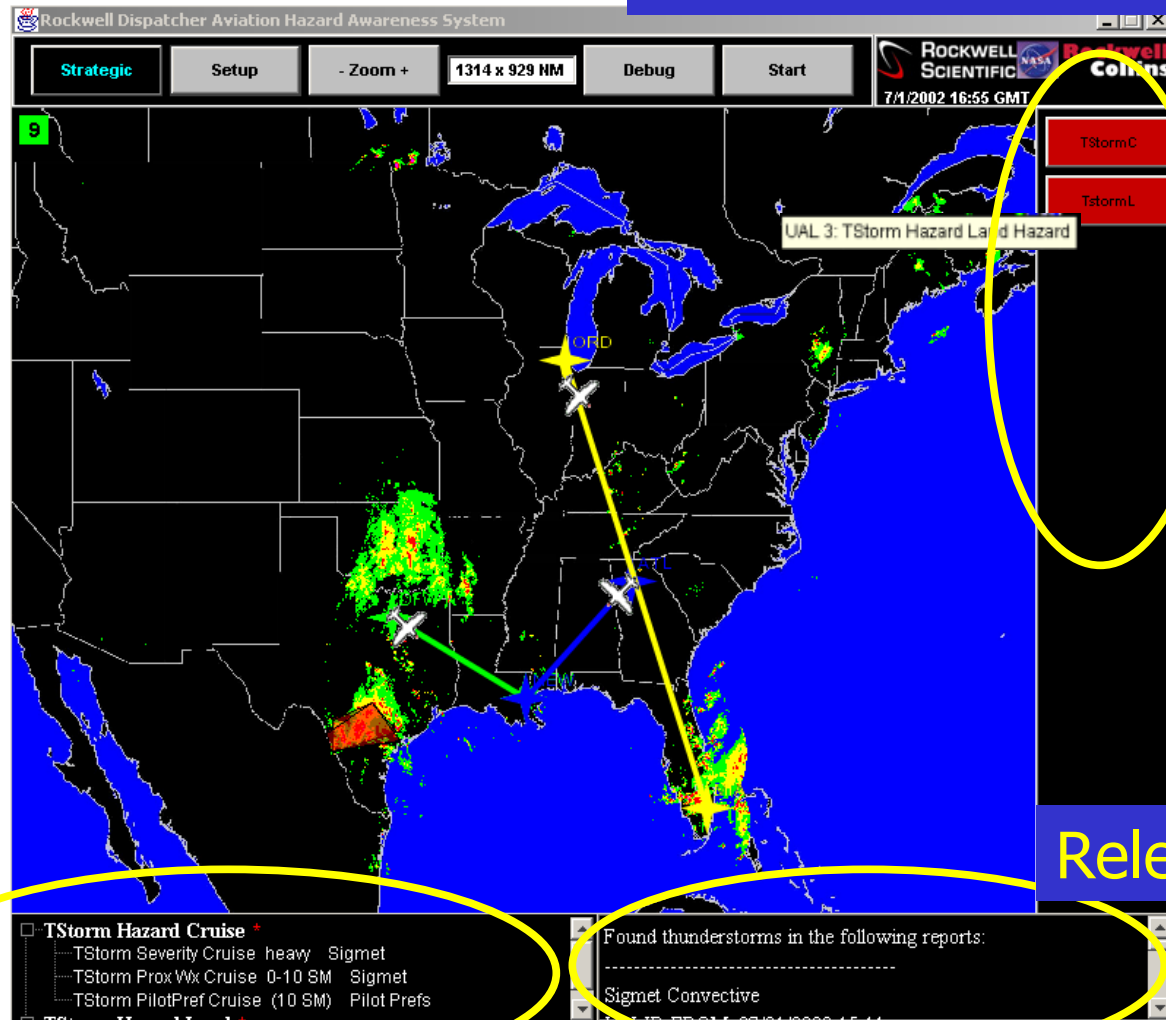


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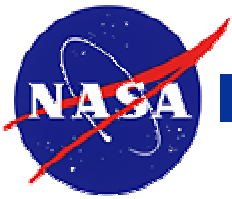
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Alerts – identifiable with mouse-over;
associated with text below



Overall
Hazard
results,
plus
triggers

Relevant Text

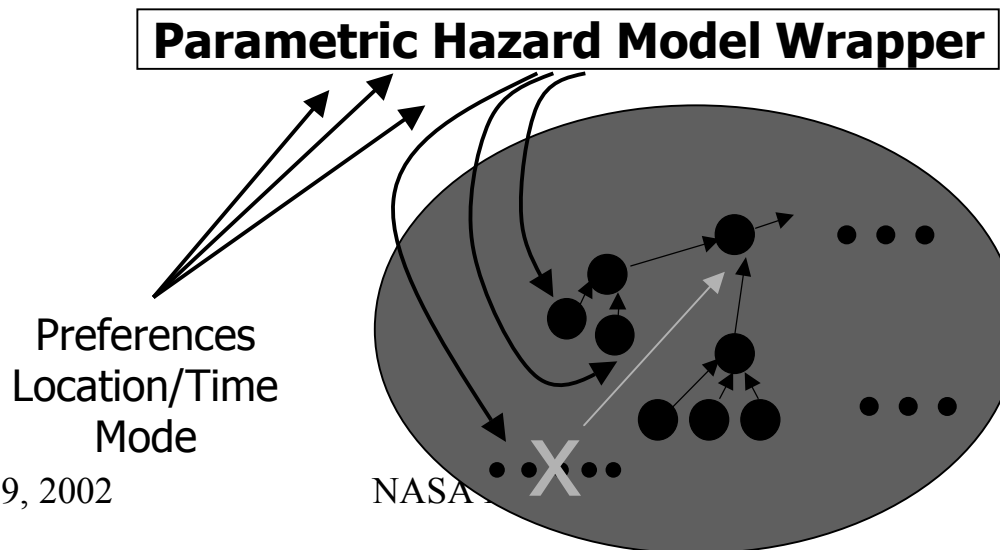


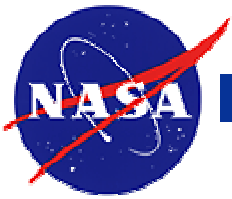
Decision Analysis Challenge

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 - Must be able to represent GA (VFR, IFR), Commercial Pilots, Dispatchers
- Solution: Wrapper, mission parameter based
 - Instantiation of model per flight
 - Preferences based on dispatcher setup
 - Timeframe is current time



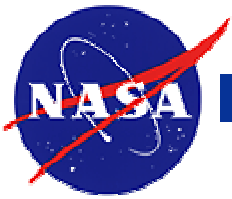


Usability Testing

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- AWARE –
 - Formal testing for both VFR & IFR modes
 - 6 subjects, 4 flight plans; 2 test methods
 - 2 visits for comparable evaluations of flights
- AHAS, AWARE-Dispatcher
 - Walk throughs for design / evaluation



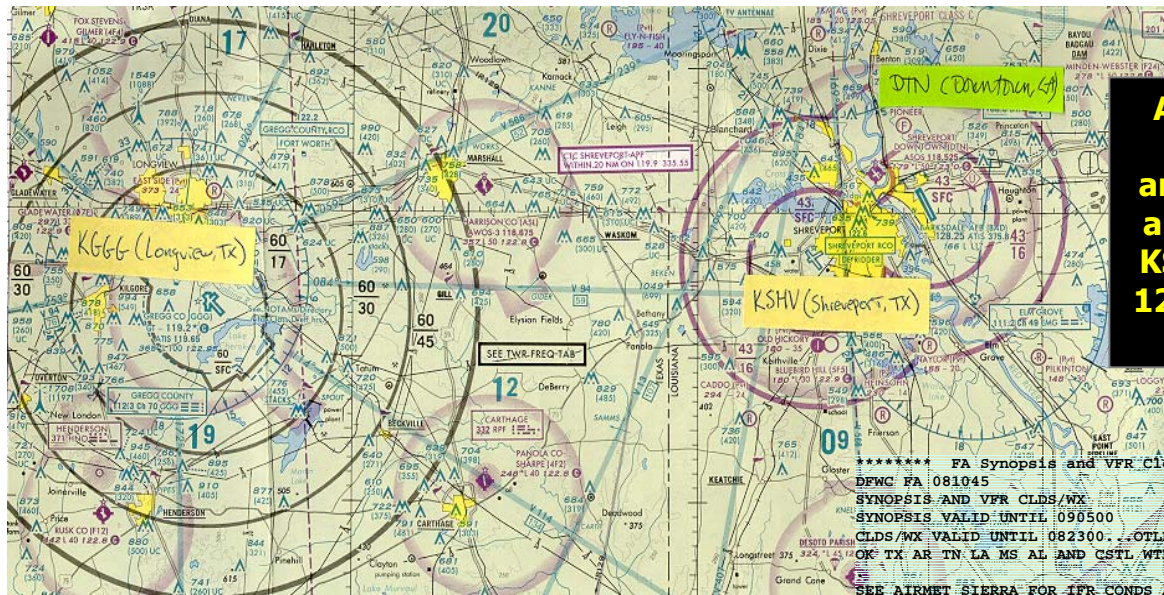
Usability test method: DUAT

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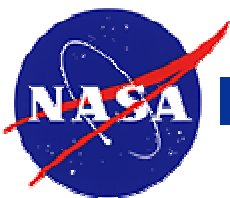
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A subset of the sectional near the destination airport, with annotations for destination (KDTN) and other weather sources (KGGG, KSHV). It measures approximately 12" x 6"; all sectionals for this flight measure approx 36" x 12".

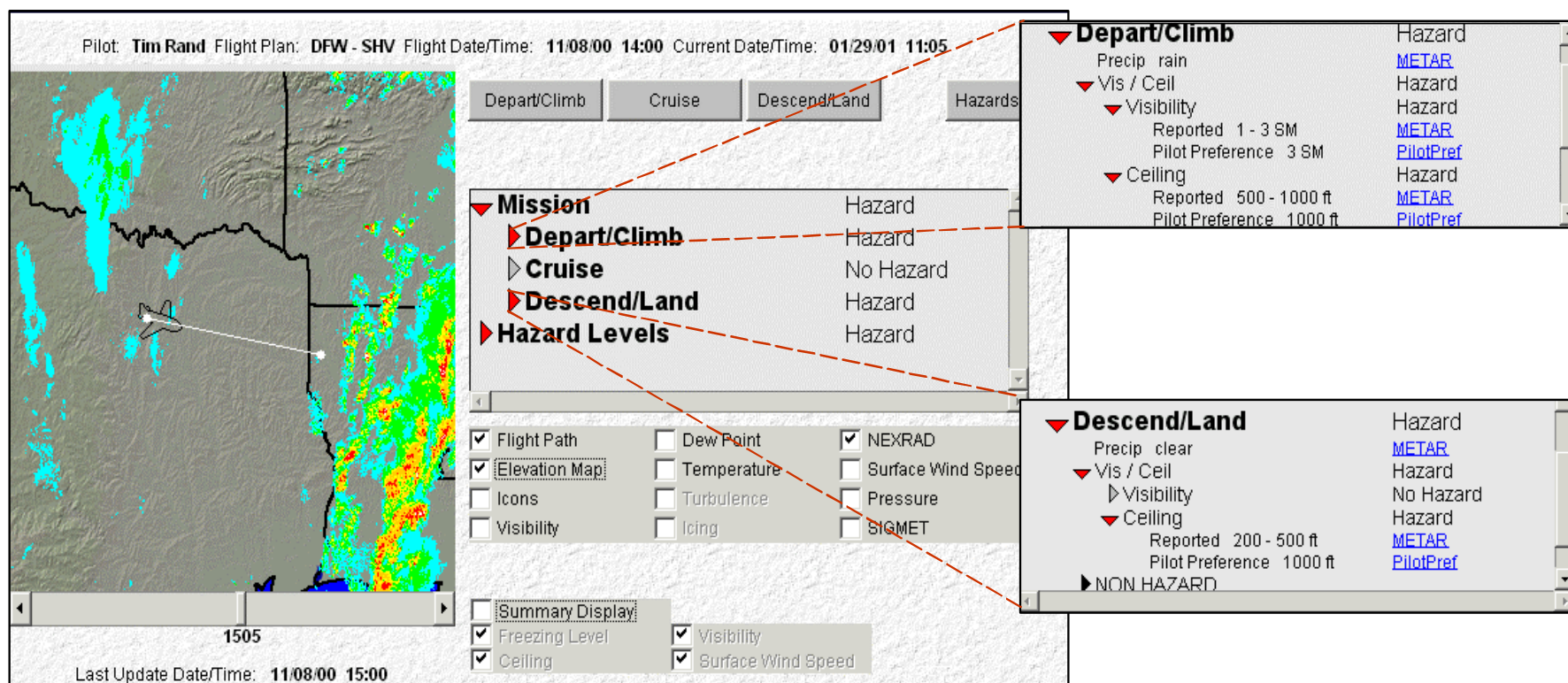
A small subset of the DUAT for that flight; the entire document is 39 pages long.

***** FA Synopsis and VFR Clouds/Weather *****
 DEFW FA 081045
 SYNOPSIS AND VFR CLDS/WX
 SYNOPSIS VALID UNTIL 090500
 CLDS/WX VALID UNTIL 082300...OTLK VALID 082300-090500
 OK TX AR TN LA MS AL AND CSTL MTRS
 SEE AIRMET SIERRA FOR IFR CONDS AND MTN OBSCN.
 TS IMPLY SEV OR GTR TURB SEV ICE LLWS AND IFR CONDS.
 NON MSL HGTS DENOTED BY AGL OR CIG.
 SYNOPSIS...AT 11Z CDFNT DXO-BNA-JAN BECMG QSTNRY JAN-BRO LN.
 WRMFNT LOZ-GQO-ATL LN. BY 05Z LOW PRES NERN LA WITH CDFNT MLU-
 LCH-60S BRO LN AND WRMFNT MLU-LOU-DXO LN. TROF ELD-TUL LN. DSPTGT
 QSTNRY FNT APE-VXV-ATL LN. HIGH PRES SWRN TX. ...DARRAH...
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Usability test method: AWARE

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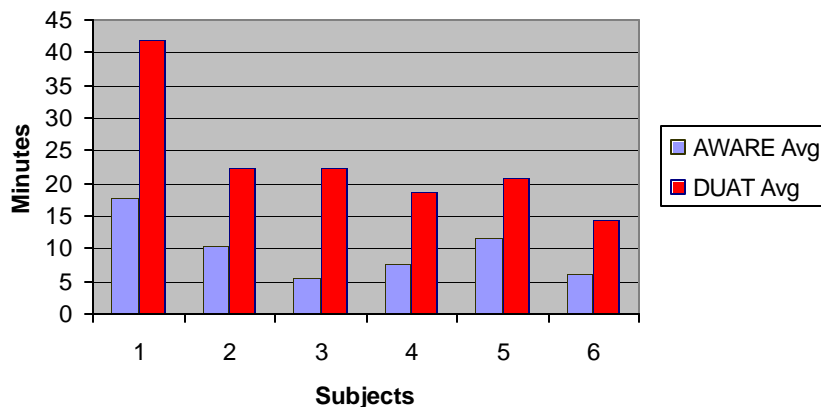




AWARE: Objective/Subjective Results

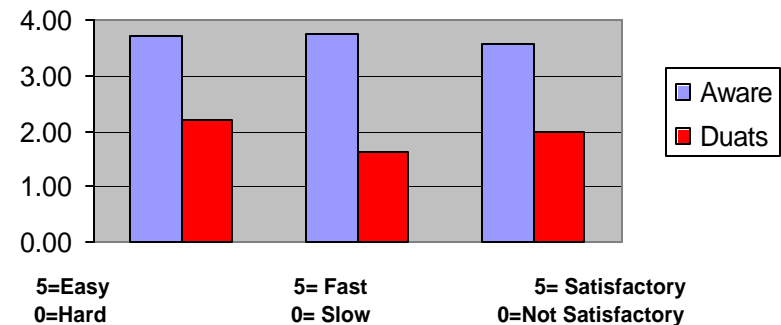
Flight	A	B	C	D
AWARE	All subjects found all hazards	All subjects found all hazards	All subjects found all hazards	All subjects found all hazards
DUAT	All subjects missed IFR airmet, found all other hazards	1 found sigmet; others found all but sigmet	All found all hazards	3 missed visibility due to IFR airmet

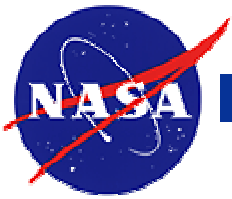
Average Time per task per user



Average Subjective Ratings

Effectiveness Efficiency Satisfaction



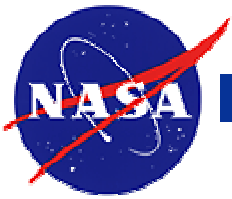


Additional AWARE usability results

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- Enthusiasm of pilots
 - Sigmet/Airnet boundaries
 - Hazard analysis with graphics, Nexrad animation
 - “Can I have it now?”
- Suggestions for modifications
 - UI, model variations
- Suggestions for next steps
 - VFR for IFR, IFR for LIFR...

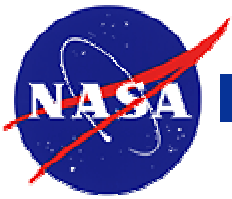


AHAS Usability Studies

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- United Flight Operations
 - Initial display format evaluations
- Iterative prototyping of extended system
 - Navigation, level of detail, value of overlays
 - Mouse over
- Flight test experimental testing
 - Forms complete; limited by pilot availability

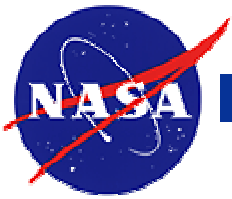


AWARE Dispatcher Usability Studies

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- United Dispatcher Center (World Headquarters)
 - Determine relevance of AWARE, AHAS-like display and hazard alerts for multiple flights
 - Automatic Alerting, tailored to the dispatcher
 - Larger display format, multiple flight ID
 - Data by altitude, graphical Pireps
 - Iterative prototyping display, automatic alerts
 - Automatic Alerting for complex situations
 - Data not easily visualized
 - Combinations of parameters
 - Evaluations requiring calculations
 - Display advantages; merge with existing
- American Airlines



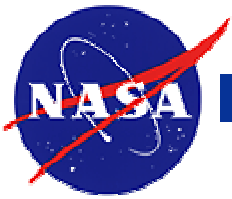
EWxR Background

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Enhanced Weather Radar (EWxR):

Create an integrated weather advisor that controls and interprets the weather radar as a human expert would.

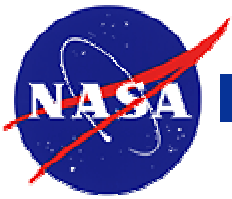


EWxR Technology

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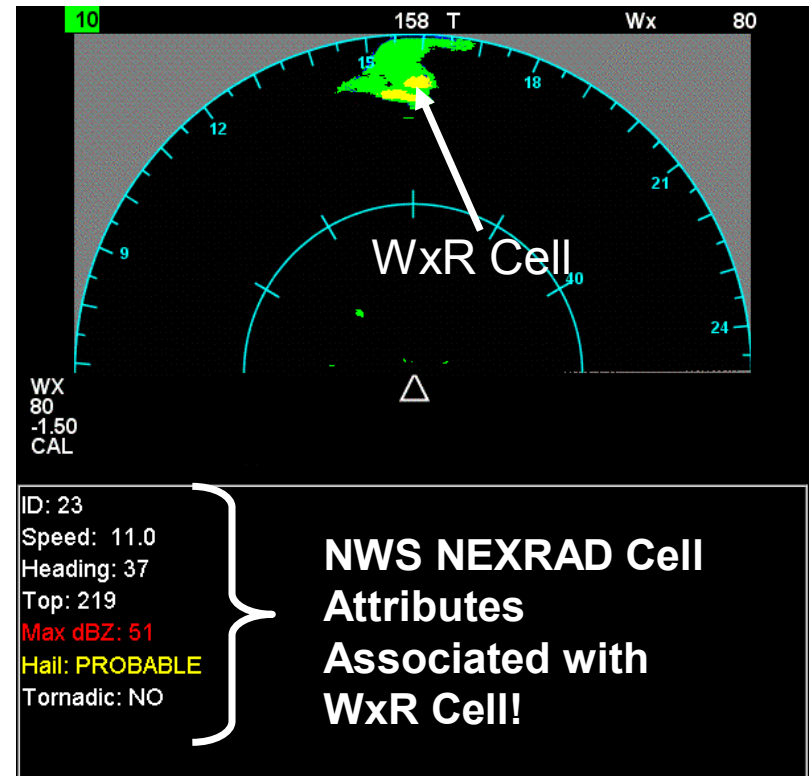
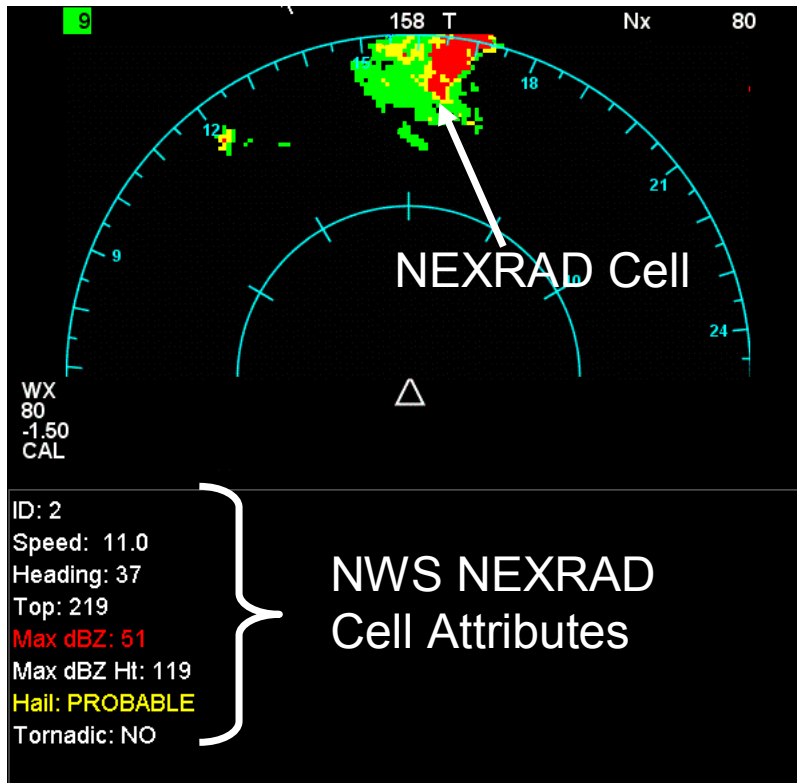


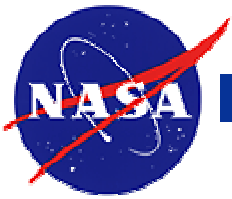
- WxR Assistant
- Automated Storm Finding WxR
- Real-time WxR image processing
 - Extract storm cells from WxR imagery
- Data Correlation/Fusion
 - Fuse information about a storm cell from multiple sensors and data sources.
- Decision Aids
 - Automatically assess whether a cell is hazardous and will affect the pilot's mission.



EWxR Data Correlation/Fusion

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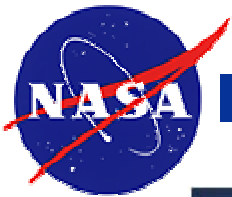
Collins Sabreliner Flight Tests

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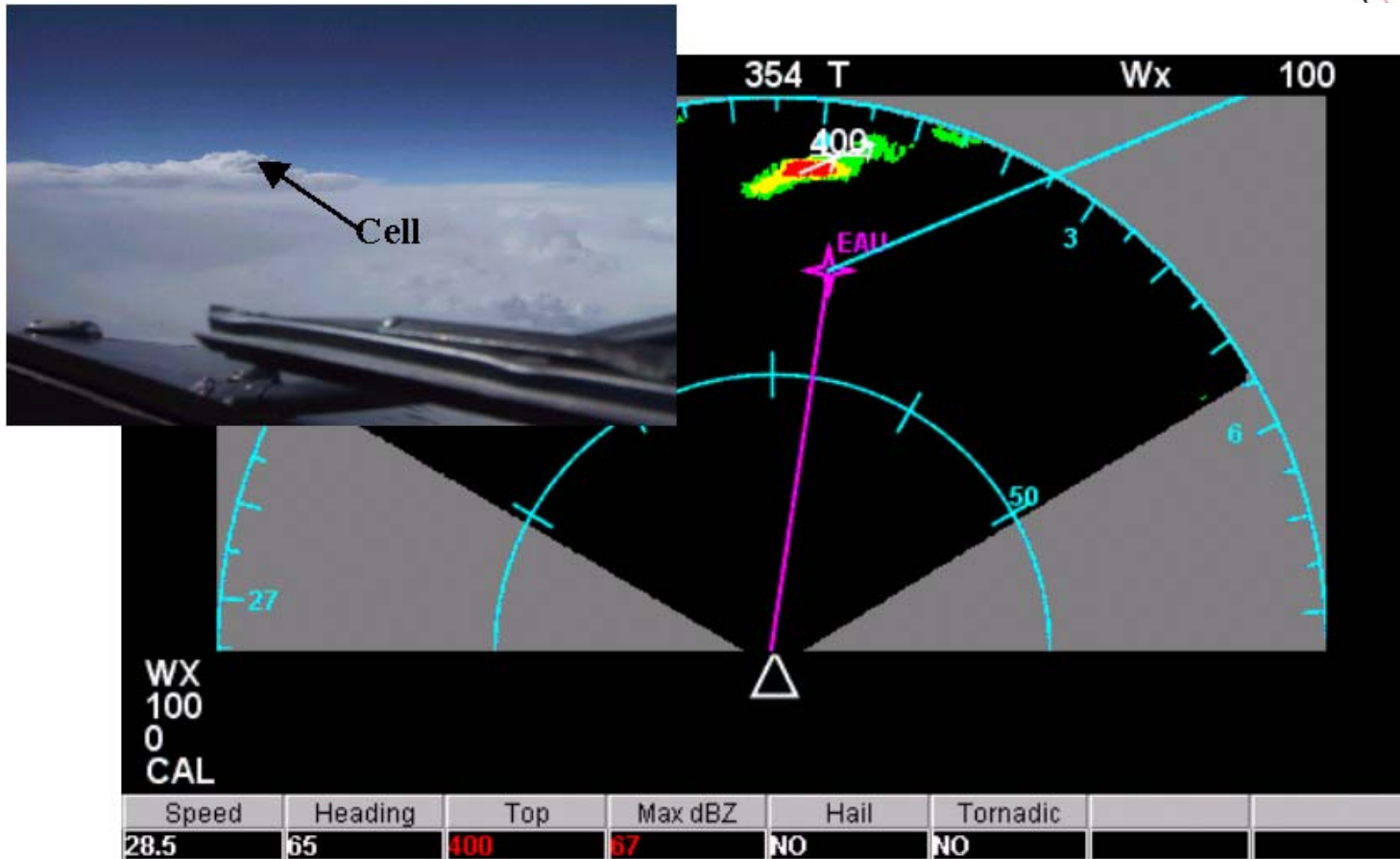
September 2002

- Collins Business and Regional Systems (BRS) and Weather Services International (WSI)provided SATCOM datalink.
- WSI, Collins weather service partner, provided weather data to the aircraft.

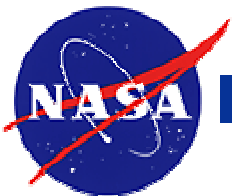


Sabreliner Flight Test

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Hazard Assessment - September 5, 2002



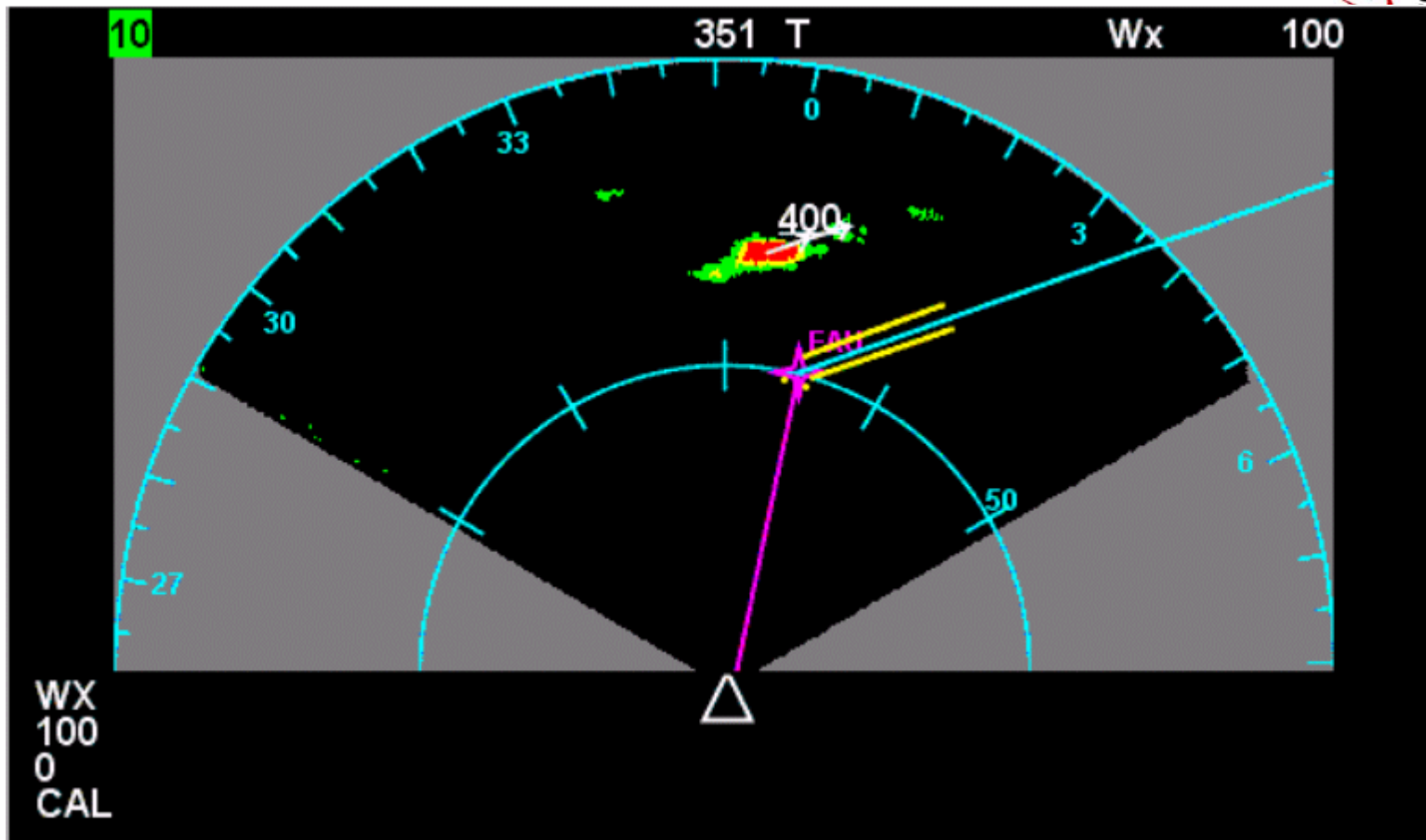
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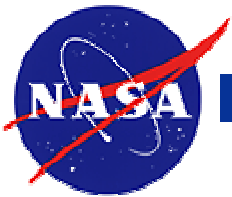


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Flight Path Impact Prediction - September 5, 2002



Leverage existing EWxR technology for additional aviation weather research.

- Integrated into NASA's Airborne Hazard Avoidance System (AHAS).
- Build upon existing tactical decision aids to automatically assess hazardous weather as new national and international weather information is available.
 - Enhanced Hazard Assessment and Flight Path Impact prediction.